

Opportunity Christian Fellowship  
Sermon Outline for Sunday, July 22, 2018  
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**"The Good Father"**  
**Mark 6:30–34, 53–56**

(Mark 6:34) Jesus saw the huge crowd as He stepped from the boat, and He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.

Jesus is the good shepherd who has compassion over us and is able to identify with our needs and struggles, because He Himself came down in human form. He knows our earthly struggles.

Even though the Bible is filled with stories of the loving character and nature of God, not everyone can call Him a good father.

According to Baylor research institute, Americans tend to embrace one of four different personalities of God despite the denomination:

**Authoritarian, Critical, Distant or Benevolent**

**How do you see God?**

God never changes but our circumstances change and affect how we see God.

**"What you see in God, is what you will draw out of God."**

Jesus saw a God of compassion and so He was filled with compassion.

**(John 5:19-20)** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, **but what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

**Response:**

Take the green card and write: One area you are struggling to understand or see God more in your life.