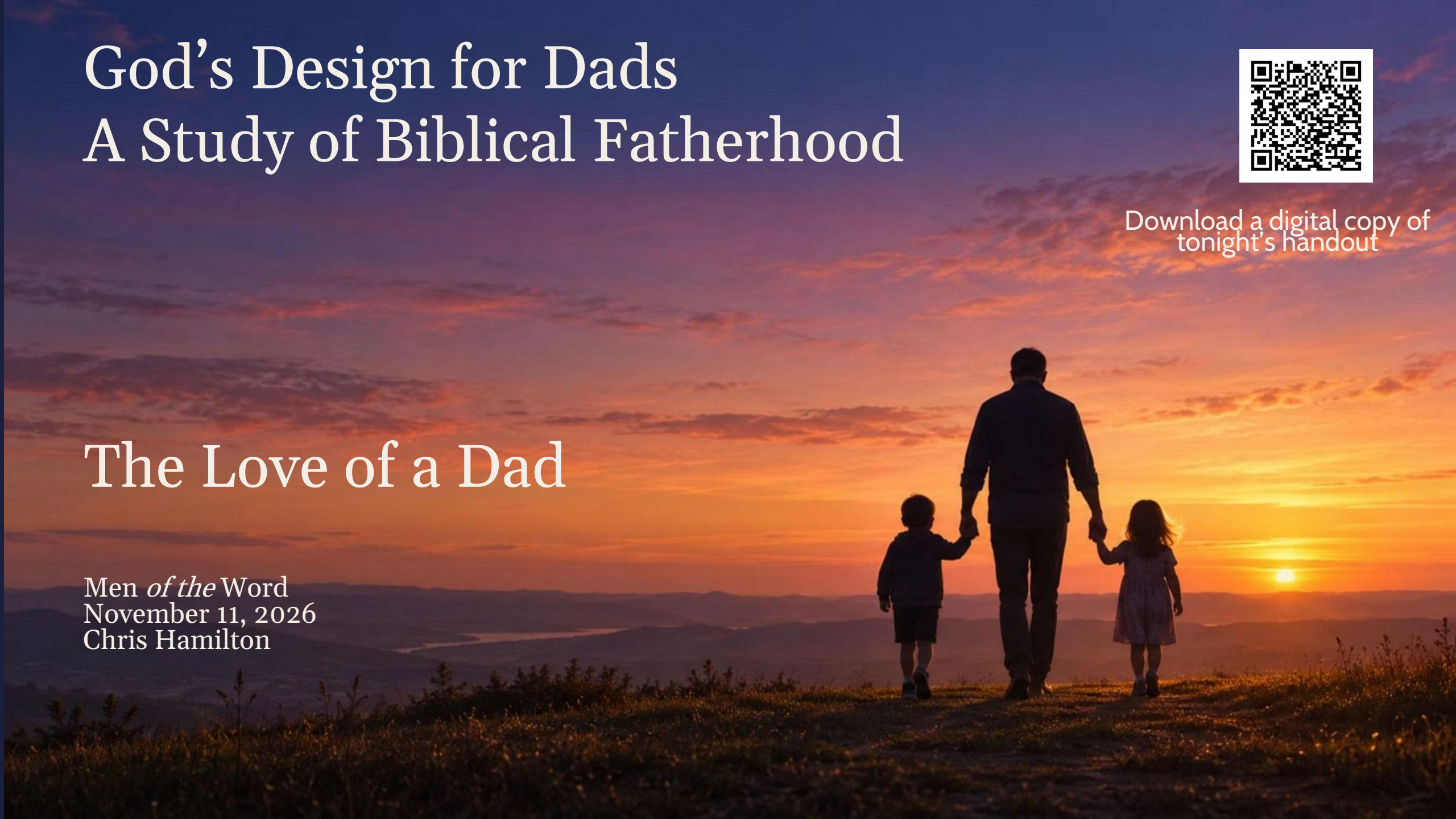
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What is Love?

Eros

Phileō

Agapē

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails . . . .”

1 Corinthians 13:4–8

A Biblical Father Loves God



“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.”

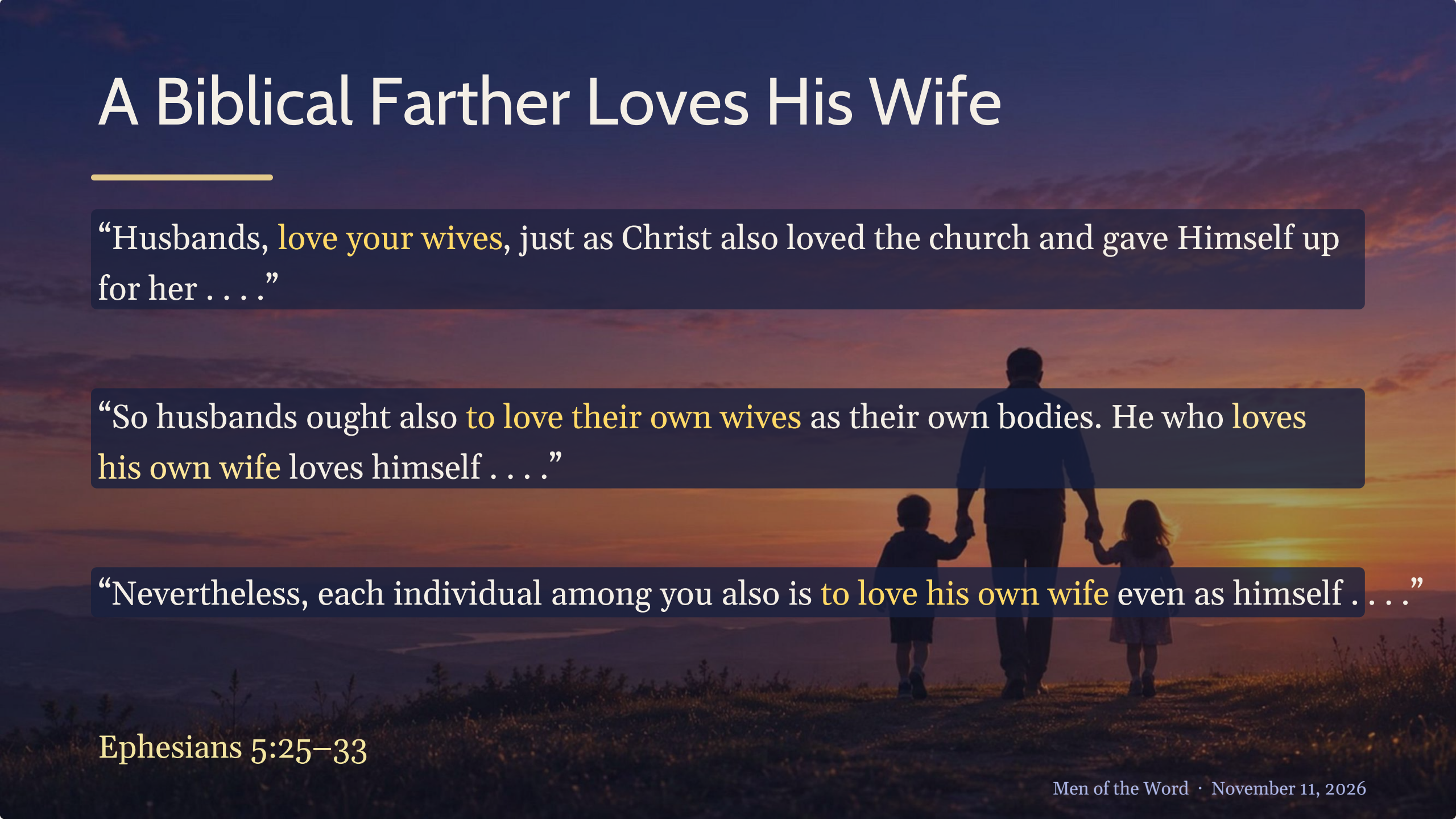
Deuteronomy 6:4–6

A Biblical Farther Loves His Wife

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her . . . ."

"So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself . . . ."

"Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself . . . ."



Ephesians 5:25–33

A Biblical Father Loves His Children

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness."
Psalm 103:8

"Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."
Psalm 103:13



The Father’s Love for His Children



“The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

Exodus 34:6–7

God’s Love (Exodus 34:6-7)

Compassion

Slow to Anger

Lovingkindness

Truth

Forgiveness



A Dad’s Loving Response to the Sin of His Children

Hebrews 12:4–13



1 Discipline is Serious

2 Discipline is Personal and Intimate

3 Discipline Benefits the Sinner

4 Discipline is Sacrificial – Requires Effort

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