

In moments of stress

- Father's bosom
- *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him]. (John 1:18 ASV)*
- *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also maybe where I am. (John 14:1-3)*

Loving "daddy"

- *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)*

IMAGES OF GOD

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What is God like?

- What image of God dominates your thoughts? Best? Worst?
- *"Whatever I have to do to feel valued by God, others will have to do to feel valued by me."*

Some of our false images of God

- Policeman
- Lucky charm
- Santa
- Absentee landlord
- Puppet master
- Genie
- Old man
- Angry father
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See the son; see the father

- Jesus mission...
- *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Heb 1:3)*

First the Natural and then the Spiritual

- 1 Corinthians 15:46
- Creation – physical body, then spirit came into him
- Prophetic Acts – physical act, spiritual consequence
- Parables – natural story, spiritual meaning
- Adam – Jesus

Earthly father – Heavenly Father

- *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Mt 7:11)*

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- Put yourself in the video...
 - The Father
 - The Son
 - The Spectators
- What did you learn from the video, about yourself?
- What did you learn from the video, about Father God?
- How far will you go for your son, to get him across the finish line?

Father to Children

- How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)
- Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father”. (Galatians 4:6)

A hard judge waiting to condemn sinners?

- “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (John 8:11)

A fearful tyrant?

- He is gentle and humble
- *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-30)*

A miser?

- He is a generous father
- *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:15)*
- *In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (John 16:23)*
- God’s ability to give is greater than our ability to receive.