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The Love Series: Abba Father, the gift of The Son
Luke 11:1-2 Jesus told His disciples “When you pray say: “**ABBA**”

The revelation of the New Testament in as much as it is a revelation of Jesus the anointed one is equally a revelation of the Fatherhood of Almighty God who through Christ adopts the repentant sinner into His family as his child (**John 1:10-11, 2**). Through His sacrificial blood Jesus made it possible for man to be born again and reinstated back into the family of God lost in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned. In as much as God gave us His only begotten Son, the only begotten Son has given us the gift of His Father. In Him we have God almighty as our Father just as much as He is Father to Jesus Christ (**John 20:17**) the first fruit of many brethren from the dead (**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**). And God is bringing all things together in Christ that He God may be all and in all as God and Father over all that are in Christ. And this is to the intent that He may be glorified through the manifestation of His grace towards us who believe now and for all ages to come (**Ephesians 2:6-7**)

The subject of fatherhood is very pivotal in man’s existence. God never intended for man to be fatherless in the spirit (nor fatherless or motherless in the natural) Humans can grow up without a father in the natural but been fatherless in the spiritual is not possible. There are only two kingdoms with two fathers. God is both the Father of creation and the Father to the redeemed. All humans are born into sin and Satan is the father of that kingdom. His fatherhood was stolen through deception and that makes him an illegitimate father coupled with the fact that Jesus already paid the price for human redemption. **God has a dual right to Fatherhood.** He is the creator (Father or originator of creation) and He is also the redeemer. **God wants to take His rightful place as Father in the lives of lost humans** and that is why we must seek God for the anointing and position our selves to receive the resources needed to take this gospel into all the world. Jesus Himself said that He “**came to seek and to save that which was lost**” (**Luke 19:10**). Man lost his place of sonship in God because of sin. God lost His place as Father to humanity though He never ceased from loving and wanting to exercise His position as Father evident in His dealings with and the various covenants He made with man before the final covenant in and through Christ was established.

Jesus’ teachings on the fatherhood of God though a New Testament theme is not a new biblical concept because the concept spans into the Old Testament. God is referred to as “Father” only 15 times in the Old Testament and never addressed in prayer as father. However, in the New Testament God is addressed as father **260 times**. In the four gospels Jesus referred to God as father **170 times** leaving no question that Father was Jesus favorite way of addressing God. Abba is a word that denotes intimacy and familiarity (by relationship) used by both small children and adults to address their father. The image given to us in that word is one of a little child who runs to his/her father and says, “Father pick me up and let’s play”. Those of you who are parents especially understand the uttermost joy in moments like these when you hold your little child in your arms as you both play together. Those are creative years to be cherished. Don’t miss them. **John 1:10-11** says that those who receive (believe) in Jesus **are given the power to become the sons of God**. Becoming children of God is predicated and dependent on receiving, believing and calling on the name

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of the Lord Jesus (**Romans 10:10-11,14**). So when you receive Jesus as Lord by grace through faith, in a miraculous act of the Holy Spirit on the base of Jesus' shed blood, death and resurrection all the redemptive benefit of salvation is divinely imputed/applied to you by your Father God as a child In Christ. Your foundational right as a child of God In Christ is that God becomes your Father. **By virtue of the blood of Jesus, In Him you have the covenant right to claim, address and walk with God as your Father.**

Jesus who has always existed with and in the Father God knows of no other way to address and relate to God other than as God and Father. For Him not to relate to the almighty as God and more intimately as Father would have been contrary to the Father's will. As God, God's sovereignty and His love nature requires responsibility for the welfare of His creation. So when Jesus came a major part of His task was to change the mindset of the people of His time in relationship to their image of God. Fatherhood was one of those images thus addressing God as Father 170 times and most of that in the presence of the disciples. When Jesus told them to say "Our Father" He was introducing a covenant reality and preparing them for the sealing of that spiritual truth when He would shed His blood.

When asked by His disciples to teach them how to pray Jesus did not flinch or shy away from introducing them to an awesome truth based on relationship with God as our Father. He unequivocally told them to say "Our Father" when they prayed. By teaching them to address God as Father He was leading them into a familial relationship with almighty God. "**Our Father** who art in heaven" hallowed be thy name is a direct recognition that as our Father (and yet still God) His name is to be held in reverence. When you know God as Father from that tender, faith, trust, love and anxiety free position of a child then you won't get into the anxiety burden lifestyle that plague our adult lifehood. That is why Jesus wants us to become as little children or have the mindset of a child in relationship with God the Father.

Though we have been adopted into the family of God we were adopted by blood and have full rights and privileges as children of our Father's inheritance. Read and meditate on Ephesians 1 and 2. It tells you who you are in Christ and reveals the love, intentions, purposes and plans of God before the foundations of the world, how He choose you and what He intends to do in the ages to come. It is awesome and we are so blessed that we now have God as our Father and not the devil all because of Jesus. As new creations in Christ any spiritual DNA test would reveal the divine blood connection between God and us making Him our Father. Only those who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior have the blood DNA (divine nature) that says that God is 100% their Father. The blood of Jesus in your life by grace through faith is 100% proof and guaranty that you are an offspring of God. Not every one has this proof and guaranty and that is why our God and Father want us to give our all to get this gospel into the entire world as Jesus commanded us.

One of the **major ministries** of the Holy Spirit is to reveal and guide believers into truth (**John 16:13**). A **major aspect of that truth is the revelation of the Fatherhood of God.** The Holy Spirit Himself cries Abba through us to the Father according to **Galatians 4: 6** and **Romans 8:5** says "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father.**" It was God's intention to adopt humanity as His children through Jesus Christ and those who received Him have been given the Holy Spirit of His Son and the Holy Spirit within us cries ABBA, Father.

Sin is a horrible and devastating thing and at one point or another many of us have been guilty of minimizing its horrendous nature. **Sin distorts truth and blurs spiritual reality.** In the old covenant, because of sin consciousness, man, even the people of God inclusive of the priesthood could not address God as Father not because it was not God's desire. They were sin conscious but praise God we are living in the new covenant of righteousness consciousness through the blood and power of Jesus' name. So when Jesus came He started

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revealing that aspect of the eternal truth referring to God as Father 170 times in the gospels and the Holy Spirit continues in that ministry to this day.

My question to you today is who are you? What is the foundation of your identity-your job, title, talents, spiritual gifts, money etc. After all is said and done, if everything else is stripped from you, my friend I am here to tell you that the foundation of who you are, your identity as a human being is in who you are in Christ-you are a child of God and God is your Father. Jesus was crucified because He unequivocally claimed to be the Son of God making Himself equal with God. **Your identity as a child of God, more so with God as your Father bears more weight than any gift, talent, wealth or any other association you could ever conceive of because of the blood covenant. God Almighty, your heavenly Father in and through Jesus Christ is the greatest treasure you possess and to be relationally identified with Him, as a child is the greatest honor you have as a created being.** If you study the gospels every single time the voice of the Father God was heard addressing Jesus it was in reference to Him as His beloved Son.

Who is the creator, Almighty God to you? **He is God, the Most High God (holy and righteous) who inhabits eternity and we must always keep that place of awe and reverence for God almighty in our hearts and lives. Haven said that I want to say also that if all He is to you is God (He is and more) you have missed a vital essence of the heart of the almighty Father. If you can't see and relate to God as your Father then you are operating under the Old Testament mentality. The Old Testament mentality of sin consciousness will keep you away from embracing the graces of the Father God and plunge you in an unending circle of self-righteousness trying to please God by works instead of embracing His grace and enjoying His presence as your Father God. God wants you to know and relate to Him as Father and relating to Him as father does not take away from his majesty and awesomeness as God.** On the contrary the knowledge of God as your Father accentuates the truth and reality of His nature as God. **Haven told His disciples to say "Our Father", He continued by saying "hallowed be thy name" which is simply saying we worship you as the supreme One.** You will never know the intimate things of the heart of God until you begin to relate (in grace) and know Him equally as your blood covenanted Father.

Many grew up in homes where the only image of a father they knew was one who was abusive, who left mom and them, who was unfaithful and the list goes on and on. Now that they are in the kingdom their image of the heavenly Father God is distorted and they have a hard time relating to and receiving the embrace of His tender arms. If you are one of those I want to say to you today that your heavenly Father is unlike the earthly father you knew. Ask God for the grace to receive His love and not to filter your image of Him through your earthly father's lens. Get into His word and you will find out that He is an awesome Father of incomparable measures who loves you and wants to heal you everywhere you hurt and bless you abundantly. Our Father is a Covenant God who loves us, is our provider, protector, healer, righteousness, banner, victory and peace. He is the one who said He would never leave or forsake us and has imprinted us in the palms of His hands. Because He loves us He disciplines us so that we may be conformed into His image. He is eternally committed to the covenant of grace with Jesus as our representative. As God He dwells in a light that no man can approach. However, as Father through Christ He we have unfettered access to His throne room.

As you celebrate Jesus Christ the gift of God this Christmas remember that In Him you now have a heavenly Father whose great love for you has eternally sealed your place In Him. God is not only and just Jesus' Father He is also our Father and that is God's will. You are totally and fully accepted and loved in Christ the beloved. God's love for you is based totally on His divine nature and the Holy Spirit who was given to you has poured that love into your heart (**Romans 5:5**). Love Him in return and give your life fully to His kingdom, bringing His message of love to the nations of the world that His covenant may be established in

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the lives of all people. I wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed new-year (2007) full of God's overflowing favor.

I love and bless you in Jesus name,
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