

Week 13

"Come To the Father"

Ephesians 2:17-18

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"I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone
You're a good good Father..."

I really enjoy this song by Chris Tomlin! I hope you will Google the full lyrics to the song or even download it and listen. It is absolutely beautiful, and we can sing this song because of Ephesians 2:17-18.

Before I continue, let me take an aside. I wasn't always in the place where I would embrace a song like this. I struggled with any song, poem, story or verse that talked about God as my Father because the father figure in my life was much less than perfect.

I had not doubt that my father loved me to the best of his ability, but he was a broken person, and there were many times in my life where his actions were quite contrary to that of my heavenly Father. It is impossible for any man to perform to that standard that is set by God; therefore, it is imperative that fathers are surrendered to God, the Father.

Unfortunately, when my dad fell short, I was not always gracious and loving, and I transferred that hurt and disappointment to God. If you can relate, please keep reading. There is hope that you can see God as your "good good Father"!

Ephesians 2:17-18 tells us that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, can come to the Father through the Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. Previously the Jews were the only ones who could "come to the Father" and they had to do that through the priest. But now, because of Christ *everyone* can come to Him. We no longer must go through a priest or a pastor or the pope.

These verses are a vivid picture of the three persons of the Trinity directly available to all who are called the sons and daughters of God. We are never alone.

QUESTION: How do you see God as your "good good Father?"

WALK IT OUT: Thank God each day this week for the ways in which He provides for you like a father should.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for allowing me to come to you as my heavenly Father. Help me to see You for Who You really are, and to constantly be grateful for the love and provision that you give me day by day.