

## ***The Father I Always Wanted*** ***Study Questions***

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## ***The Father I Always Wanted*** ***Series: Endangered Relationships*** *Sunday October 9, 2016*

### **How was your relationship with your earthly father? Did it influence your perspective on the Heavenly Father?**

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”*  
*Matthew 7:7–8 ESV*

*“Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*  
*Matthew 7:9–11 ESV*

### **I Can Embrace the Father I Always Wanted**

#### **My Heavenly Father Loves Me**

#### **Understanding the Trinity God is One**

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*  
*Deuteronomy 6:4 ESV*

#### **The Godhead (The Tri-unity)**

*“Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”*  
*Genesis 1:26a ESV*

*“yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, ...”*  
*1 Corinthians 8:6a ESV*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”*  
*Matthew 28:19 ESV*

*“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”*  
John 15:26 ESV

*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”*  
John 17:20–21 ESV

### **God Loves Me Through the Actions of the Trinity**

#### **God’s Love for Me is Sacrificial**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*  
John 3:16 ESV

#### **God’s Love for Me is Pure (Holiness)**

*“but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.””*  
1 Peter 1:15–16 ESV

#### **God’s Love for Me is Kind (Kindness, Mercy and Grace)**

*“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”*  
Romans 8:32 ESV

#### **Mercy**

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—”*  
Ephesians 2:4–5 ESV

#### **Grace**

*“For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”*  
Romans 5:17 ESV

### **God’s Love for Me is Corrective (Discipline)**

*“And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.””*  
Hebrews 12:5–6 ESV

### **I Can Trust God with My Life**

#### **He is Omniscient**

*“God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”*  
1 John 3:20b ESV

#### **He is Omnipresent**

*“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”*  
Psalm 139:7–10 ESV

#### **He is Omnipotent**

*“Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.””*  
Exodus 4:11–12 ESV