

John 10:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ **The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.**

NIV - I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Psalms 16:11 (NLT) ¹¹ **You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.**

Three Important Indisputable Facts:

- I. Fact: Jesus of Nazareth Lived
- II. Fact: We die
- III. Fact: Jesus spoke as an authority about life in this life; and life in eternity

Your Options On Jesus:

- A. Ignore (Him & Eternity)
- B. Act Like He's Your Lord
- C. Surrender To Him As Lord

Session #2 A Really Really Good Father!

Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT) *Effective Prayer*

⁷ “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Romans 8:15–16 (NLT) ¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

- God loves all people!
- God is a good father!
- When we surrender to Jesus as Lord, we move from people God Loves, to children God Loves!

1. God Loves You!

a. God Loves You Because He Created You!

Isaiah 64:8 (NLT) ⁸ And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. **We all are formed by your hand.**

Psalms 145:8–9 (NLT) ⁸ The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. ⁹ The LORD is good to everyone. He showers **compassion on all his creation.**

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) ⁰ For we are **God's masterpiece.** He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

b. God Loves You Because He is Love!

1 John 4:7–8 (NLT) *Loving One Another*

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**

Romans 8:38–39 (NLT) ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

c. God Loves You Because He Gave! (He Invested in Us)

John 3:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ **“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

2. God is a Good Father!

a. God Our Good Father Has No Bad in Him at All!

(God is not a mix of some good and some bad, He is only good!)

1 John 1:5 (NLT) ⁵ This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is **no darkness in him at all.**

James 1:13 (NLT) ¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to **know God's will for you,** which is **good and pleasing and perfect.**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

b. God Our Good Father Wants To Give Abundant Life!

James 1:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

John 10:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Romans 8:28 (NLT) ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

c. God our Good Father Wants To Save and Protect Everyone From Destruction!

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Luke 16:19–31 (NLT) *Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus*

- ¹⁹ Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. ²⁰ At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores. ²² “Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ “The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’ ²⁵ “But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’ ²⁷ “Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home. ²⁸ For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’ ³⁰ “The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’ ³¹ “But Abraham said, ‘If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

1 John 4:9–10 (NLT) ⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

3. God Wants Have Everyone In His Family and Wants To Bless His Family!

a. God Wants To Guide His Family Now!

Psalm 32:8 (NLT) ⁸ The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

b. God Wants To Bless His Family Now!

Psalm 23:1–6 (NLT) ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. ⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

c. God Wants To Bless His Family Forever and Ever!

James 1:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

1 John 3:1 (NLT) See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) ⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT) ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

John 14:6 (NLT) ⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Romans 3:23 (NLT) ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

"Dear God,

I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.

I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son.

I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life.

I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward.

Guide my life and help me to do your will.

I pray this in the name of Jesus.

Amen."