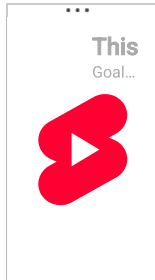


## ✓ OFW.11.How to Receive Fathering from God

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### Fathered By God

- Clip by TD Jake's. Derek Redmond
- This is the most iconic Olympics moment 🥰 | #shorts #olympics #sprinter
- 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona



#### I. Key Question:

- **How can a person resolve their natural father lack and be fathered by God?**

##### 1. Jesus Came to Restore Our Sonship

- Jhn 14:18 *I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*
- Three things Jesus came to restore to us
  - Relationship with God as our Father..Sons and heirs
  - The Presence of God with us
  - Our Dominion

##### 2. David's Revelation of God as Father

- Psa 27:10 *When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me. NKJV*
- Psa 27:10 *Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. NLT*
- Psa 27:10 *My father and mother abandoned me. I'm like an orphan! But you took me in and made me yours. TPT*
- **The Love of Natural Fathers can fail or be lacking.**
  - Psa 27:10 *When my father and my mother forsake me,*
    - To forsake means to abandon, to neglect to meet real needs
    - People who are meant to protect and nurture us are human and fail
    - To be abandoned emotionally or physically is a traumatic and life changing trauma
- **God is the Perfect Father , the origin of Fatherhood**
  - Jer 31:3 *The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.*
  - Fatherhood and Family originate from God (Eph.3:150)
  - God is a Father who cares for each of His children deeply
- **Father God will Gather broken people up**
  - Psa 27:10 *My father and mother abandoned me. I'm like an orphan! But you took me in and made me yours. TPT*
  - If we have experienced abandonment, betrayal, abuse, broken family bonds Father God will never turn us away
  - He will gather us and father us, directly and through others

#### II. How to Receive Fathering By God

**1. Understand the Role of Holy Spirit****2. Believe that Father God sees you and will Father You**

- [Gen 16:13](#) *Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, **You-Are- the-God-Who-Sees**; for she said, "Have I also here seen **Him who sees me?**"*
- You are not invisible. Father God sees you. He desires to make Himself known
  - He is your Loving Father and He desires to be your Father
  - Talk to Him.
- [2Co 6:18](#) **"I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY."**
  - You are a loved child of God
  - Talk to your Father and share your concerns with Him
  - *Father I don't feel seen. I don't feel heard*

**3. Resolve Father Pain**

- [Psa 51:6](#) *Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.*
- **God desires you be Honest with Him.**
  - Be Honest about your Father Wound if the Word "father" brings back feelings of pain, disappointment, fear, abandonment
- **Grieve your loss and Pain**
  - Jesus modeled what God is like, compassionate
  - Jesus wept at the death of His friend.
  - He openly expressed His emotional grief and sorrow you have been carrying
  - Sometimes you need to journal to openly express the pain your heart has carried for so long
- **Forgive and release the burden you have carried**  
[Isa 53:4](#) *Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;*

**3. Share Your Daily Life with your Father**

- [1Pe 5:7](#) *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*
- *Care....distraction, things that cause anxiety and stress,*
  - Bring your cares and needs to Him
  - Father cares about every little detail of your life
  - The things that trouble you matters to Him and he cares about your well being
  - Talk to him. Express your needs and concerns and struggles and fears
  - Release them to Him
- Enjoy Father....interact with Him over small matters in life

**4. Meditate in The Word of God**

- [1Ti 4:15](#) *Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.*
- **Meditation**
  - Slows you down to really engage Father God and see who he really is
  - Rewrites your mistaken and wrong beliefs about God and life that you have carried for years
  - Opens your heart to healing encounters with Father God
- **Meditation trains your heart to trust again and feel connected and safe with God as Father**
  - Choose a Scripture that reveals what Father God is like
  - Memorize that scripture
  - Meditate on it...Picture and imagine and embrace it
  - Speak it out over your life. Personalize it

**5. Learn to Hear His Voice**

- *"I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3)*
  - God speaks to us in our spirit in a small quiet flowing spontaneous way
  - He speaks in flowing spontaneous pictures , or thoughts , or impressions
- He speaks personally as a Father would to a child that He loves
- **Ask Him to speak to your heart**
  - Free up your spirit
  - Focus your attention
  - Tune into flowing thoughts, pictures and words
  - Write down what you see, or hear, or feel

## 6. Practice Receiving His Love, not trying to Earn it

- [Luk 15:20](#) "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
  - This can be difficult at first if you are wired to perform to receive love or acceptance
  - Jesus reveals what the love of Father God looks like....extravagant, and expressive
- 1. **Practice His Presence**
  - Spend time in worship, and stillness
  - Fix your mind and thoughts upon Him
  - Become conscious and aware He is with you
- 2. **Learn to Receive Father's Comfort**
  - [2Co 1:3](#) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,** [2Co 1:4](#) who **comforts us in all our tribulation,** that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
  - **When you are in distress...turn to your Father and not to distractions**
    - **Comfort**..... Gk. Parakaleo ....to call to one's side, to encourage, exhort
    - Parakaleō is about someone coming beside you to give what your heart needs—whether comfort, courage, or a challenge to grow.
    - Listen and journal to Father expressing words of comfort and encouragement
- 3. **Learn to Receive Father's Validation**
  - **Validate**
    - MW. To recognise and establish the worthiness of someone
    - God listens and understands what you have been experiencing
    - [Psa 147:5](#) Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.
    - If you've never heard God affirm you in this way, ask Him:  
"Father, what do You say about me?  
What do You want me to know right now?"

## 7. Honour and Obey Your Father

- [Jhn 14:21](#) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
  - To Honour God is to treat Him with Highest respect and not be familiar
  - We honour God in our attitude towards Him and the things that are important to Him
  - We honour God when we believe His Word and act promptly upon it
  - Agreeing with and obeying the Word of God honours our Father

## 8. Serve your Father and Seek His Interests

- [Mat 6:33](#) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you
- [Jhn 12:26](#) If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.
  - A key way we become fathered by God is yielding to serve Him and advance His interests
  - Son...Hb...Ben...a builder of the Father's House
  - If we wish to be fathered by God we must cooperate with His design and advance His Interests

## I. Learn The Role of the Holy Spirit in Fathering us

### 1. He is The Spirit of Our Father (Mat.10:20)

- [Mat 10:20](#) for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
- 2. He Reveals to us what Father is saying (Jn.16:13)**
  - [Jhn 16:13](#) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but **whatever He hears He will speak**; and He will tell you things to come.
  - [Jhn 16:14](#) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- 3. He Gives us Access to Father (Eph.2:18)**
  - [Eph 2:18](#) For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- 4. He Affirms our Sonship (Rom.8:16/Gal.4:6)**
  - [Rom 8:16](#) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
  - [Gal 4:6](#) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
- 5. He is Assigned to Us by Father to (Jn.14:18)**
  - Establish our Identity .....(Rom.8:16)
  - Transform and Mature us....(2Cor.3:18)
  - Lead and Guide us .....(Rom.8:14)
  - Empower us in life.....(Act.1:8)
- 6. Don't Grieve Holy Spirit (Eph.4:30)**
  - [Eph 4:30](#) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
  - Grieve...to cause a deep sorrow
  - **How do we grieve Holy Spirit?**
    - Unkind and Unloving words and actions towards people
    - Uncleaness: defilement by bitterness and sexual sin

### Personal Notes:

Notes from how the message was given at ChCh 2025

Note: More content of the How to's

### Stories of Impact of a Father's Presence and Support

- **Story of Derek Redmond**
- **Story of Awaken Church Men's Event**
  - How the presence and support of fathers increase capacity to persevere
  - Many fatherless not able to complete the endurance course
- **Education NZ**
  - Many fatherless children drop out of school early
  - Unable to complete their race. Lack endurance
- **Stories which echo the story of God and man always resonate with our heart**
  - Clip of Derek Redmond moves our heart
  - Fathers are meant to stand with their sons believe in them and stand with them
  - We respond to that because we are wired by God for that
- We are wired and designed for a relationship with God as our Father

### Story of Bible: Eternal Plan of the Father

- **The Story Begins:**
- Starts with God as a Father desiring to create a family of sons and daughters who will represent Him and extend His Kingdom in the earth
- **The Story Ends**
- Story ends the same way
  - Jesus returns and establishes His government in the earth, and when all that is done at end 1000 years he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father
- The story of God starts with a Father and sons, and it ends with a Father and Sons
- **The Main Part of the Story**
- In between we see what God is like as a Father.

- Greatest Gift: He sends His son Jesus to redeem or bring us back to enjoy relationship with God as father
- Whenever we see stories with the theme of someone rejected cast down and suffering and someone rescues and saves them it resonates with our heart
- Whenever we see stories of someone who finds the strength to stand up and overcome because a father stood with them it resonates in our heart
- When Hollywood perverts the story no-one wants it because it doesn't resonate with our heart
- The story of salvation is written within our hearts.
- "God has placed eternity within our heart"
  - Whenever see or hear something that touches emotions or heart ask the question...What in that caused a response in my heart
  - Will find it is connected to the story of God and Man
- Examples:
  - Stories of Heroes and Villains who seem so very powerful until they are overcome
  - Stories of a woman in distress and hero rescues her
  - Stories of the underdog who overcomes overwhelming circumstances
- **Absence of Fathers**
  - Many issues in society are rooted in lack of Fathers
  - Cannot solve problem without addressing the root issues
- **Key Reason Jesus Came:**
  - Connect us back to God as our Father and to become fathered by God
  - Even if natural father has caused pain and destruction, we can resolve these issues
  - Key focus of Jesus was to reconnect us to Father God to be fathered by Him as Jesus was and live life God intended
- **Natural Parents**
- **Natural father....designed to reveal aspects of what God is like**
  - Natural Mother designed to reveal a different aspect of what God is like
  - Men and women carry different aspects of the nature of God
- **Jesus came not only to heal but also reveal what God is like**
  - We need personal Encounter with God as father
  - We need to embrace a journey with God as Father
  - We need to face and receive healing of Father wounds
  - We also need models of Fathering ....men who can model a Good Father
- **Jesus is ultimate revelation of God as a Father**
  - Sons reveal their Father
  - Heb.1:3 Jesus is the express image of God father...exactly like Him
  - Jn14:9. Seen me have seen the Father
    - Jesus came to address issue of sin, bring us back to the Father
  - Jn.17:3. Eternal Life is relationship with God as Father
- John.1:18 To those who receive Jesus gave power to become child of God
- How can I relate to God?
- **How can I be Fathered by God?**

### 1. **Understand the Important Role of Holy Spirit in Fathering us**

- Jn14:9 Jesus promise ...not leave you orphans
- Jesus had functioned as a Father to disciples for three years
  - Provided for them
  - Taught them
  - Corrected them
  - Empowered them
  - Provided a model for them
  - Taught them to pray
- Not leave you orphans
- Bible Orphan
  - No Father to protect, establish identity, promote, have their back in life
- Issue: I will not leave you alone or abandoned from father's Love
  - Pray: Holy Spirit, another comforter
  - He will be exactly like me
  - He is a Spirit, will enter you and become joined to you

- You will become joined...one spirit with you
  - Cant become closer...a Hybrid...a new creation...a child of God
  - Joined to God...cant be any closer to someone
  - Born again, Born from above
  - Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Our father and has an assignment in our life
    - Lead , guide, teach and mature us
    - Jn.16:13 Whatever He hears he will speak
    - HSp reveals God as a Father to us
    - God can only be known by personal revelation, by Holy Spirit
  - If want to know and be led by God must respond to Holy Spirit... from within
  - Voice of God gentle, spontaneous, loving and easily missed or cut off
  - HSp gives us access to the reality of God
    - Eph.2:18 By Spirit...Have access to God
  - Rom.8:16 HSp Witnesses with our spirit who we are ..our identity
  - Must know identity or will present a false identity
  - HSp gives us a Heart knowing who we are and whom we belong to. God is my Father...Abba
    - Listen to Spirit or live in hear and flesh and circumstances
    - I am a Child of God...Came from Him and go to Him
    - Knowing is a witness in our spirit by HSp...a heart assurance
  - Another role is to mature us...grow us up to become responsible and mature
    - HSp role is to bring change to you
    - Must be in change so are learning and growing 2Cor.3:18
  - Another role of HSp is to guide us
    - Rom.8:14 Gently leads us in life and relationships
    - Lk.4:1 Jesus was led by Holy Spirit...guidance from father
  - Personal Stories of Guidance
- **What is God Like?**
    - Revelation to Moses
    - Exod.34:6 God reveals who He is
    - NT Jesus reveals what God is like
      - Learn who God is what He is like so can relate to Him
    - God describes His greatness and His accessibility
      - Describes all you would want a Father to be
      - Christianity only religion that describes God as our Father
    - Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father"
      - Come to honour God as our Father
      - Come to listen to Him
      - Make needs known to Him
    - God has many names.....as learn them and meditate can relate to God
    - Eg "The Lord Sees Me" ....
  - Believe God sees you
  - Resolve Father Pain
  - Share Daily life with Father
  - Lear to hear and Obey Father's Voice
  - Honor Father daily
  - Practice Receiving His Love and Validation



































