

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Feeling exhausted and worn down as the year comes to an end? Has heaviness and grief overwhelmed your soul? Be encouraged - God is near, and He knows what you long for. Christmas is about God offering His people counsel, comfort, protection and peace. Join us this Advent to discover how Jesus came (and will come again!) to replace our weariness with rejoicing.

The WAYS of the world are designed to WEAR you down and keep you WEARY.

Advent: AWAITING and ANTICIPATING the ARRIVAL of King Jesus.

Isaiah 9:1-7 [ESV]

Colossians 1:16-17 [ESV]

John 17:5 [NIV]

John 8:58 [NIV]

Revelation 1:8 [ESV]

As the Everlasting Father, Jesus embodies all the CHARACTERISTICS of God the Father

4 REASONS JESUS IS A GOOD AND EVERLASTING FATHER

1. Jesus CARES about you. | Luke 12:6-7 [ESV]; 1 Peter 5:7 [NLT]
2. Jesus LOVES you. | Romans 5:8 [ESV]; Romans 8:38-39 [NIV]
3. Jesus DISCIPLINES you. | Proverbs 3:11-12 [NLT]
4. Jesus PROVIDES for you. | Matthew 7:11 [NIV]; John 3:16 [NIV]

How do you need to experience the FATHERHOOD of Jesus this Christmas season?

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Think about the name, Everlasting Father, given to Jesus in Isaiah's prophecy. How is it possible for Jesus to be both Son and Father?
- 3) In what ways have you projected the image of your earthly father onto your Everlasting Father? If so, in what ways has that hindered your relationship with Jesus?
- 4) Pastor Donnie mentioned "4 Reasons Jesus is a Good and Everlasting Father." Choose one and talk about how Jesus has been that kind of Father in your own life. Share how you need to personally experience the Fatherhood of Jesus this Christmas season.
- 5) How does seeing God more clearly affect your relationship with Him?
- 6) What is one way you could better demonstrate the characteristics of your Everlasting Father to others in your life (your spouse, your kids, extended family, neighbors, etc)?