

# OUR FATHERS HOPE

## OUR LIFE, OUR CALLING

1 Peter 1:13-21

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WHAT DOES GOD'S FACE LOOK LIKE TO YOU?  
ORDER VS. INVITATION

WE ARE INVITED + FUELED  
BY A LOVING GOD.

HE HAS HOPE FOR YOU.  
DO YOU?

1 Peter 1:13-16 - <sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

IDENTITY - NOW WE WALK  
HOPE RIGHTLY FIXED REQUIRES  
A SOBER + PREPARED MIND.

- THE POINT IS TO SET HOPE  
MORE FULLY, NOT JUST "GOOD"  
WHEN OUR HOPE IS SCATTERED,  
WE ARE LOST.  
WHEN OUR HOPE IS MISPLACED,  
WE ARE DECEIVED

IS OUR FATHER GOOD OR UNTRUSTWORTHY?

FORMED MORE FULLY INTO TRUE SELF  
"children of obedience" vs. obedient children  
identity language vs. task language.

What are you formed by?  
we drift to the things that make us feel,  
and those things form us.

FORMER IGNORANCE  
Before we knew better  
Passions - here, there, everywhere

HOPELESS PROCLAIMED, NOT EARNED

Leviticus 11:44-45 - "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

TOGETHER - GOD'S PRESENCE

FATHER'S LOVE  
YOU ARE ALREADY A CHILD  
GOD IS HELPING, NOT AGAINST

1 Peter 1:17-19 - <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

DISCIPLINE - FAIR, FIRM, CONSISTENT  
GOD IS PERFECTLY JUST + LOVING  
WHAT WE THINK HE LACKS,  
WE TRY TO MAKE UP FOR IN OUR WRONG  
THINKING + LIVING

WE ARE IMPERFECTLY JUST + LOVING  
GOD HARD - OVERCOME w/ too much love  
GOD SOFT - OVERCOME w/ too much judgment  
HE IS BOTH, PERFECTLY, + IMPARTIAL

SAME STANDARD, SO WALK IN HOLY FEAR  
FEAR: FIRST ELEMENTARY, THEN PERFECTING

WE GOT JUDGEMENTAL WHEN WE FORGET  
WHERE WE CAME FROM.

FUTILE WAYS INHERITED  
OLD STANDARDS  
- EARN ACCEPTANCE, PROVE SELF  
OLD TRADITIONS  
- WORSHIPPED FOR THEM, GODS UNCHECKED

RANSOMED FROM ALL OF THIS  
BY A FATHER, PERFECTLY LOVING  
AND JUST

FATHER'S HOPE:  
YOU AREN'T YOUR  
OLD SELF!

1 Peter 1:20-21 - <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

### GOD'S PLAN

GOD SENT JESUS FOR YOUR SAKE  
DISTANT DEITY = COSMIC JUSTICE  
FATHER = RESCUE KID FROM HARM'S WAY  
YOU ARE BELIEVERS OF GOD THRU JESUS  
CAME THAT WOMEN HAVE LIFE!  
THRU JESUS TO GOD

FATHER + THEREFORE HOPE IN GOD

How do you see God?  
This affects living + making

NOW

With a loving father, we have hope  
and participate w/ him

A.W. Tozer - The greatest fact of the tabernacle was that Jehovah was there; a Presence was waiting within the veil. Similarly the Presence of God is the central fact of Christianity. At the heart of the Christian message is God Himself waiting for His redeemed children to push in to conscious awareness of His Presence. That type of Christianity which happens now to be the vogue knows this Presence only in theory. It fails to stress the Christian's privilege of present realization. According to its teachings we are in the Presence of God positionally, and nothing is said about the need to experience that Presence actually... And the present generation of Christians measures itself by this imperfect rule. Ignoble contentment takes the place of burning zeal. We are satisfied to rest in our judicial possessions and for the most part we bother ourselves very little about the absence of personal experience.

Henri Nouwen - For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life - pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures - and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair. Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not "How about to find God" but "How am I to let myself be found by him?" The question is not "How am I to know God?" but "How am I to let myself be known by God" And, finally, the question is not "How am I to love God?" but "How am I to let myself be loved by God?" God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home. In all three parables which Jesus tells in response to the question of why he eats with sinners, he put the emphasis on God's initiative. God is the shepherd who goes looking for his lost sheep. God is the woman who lights a lamp, sweeps out the house, and searches everywhere for her lost coin until she has found it. God is the father who watches and waits for his children, runs out to meet them, embraces them, pleads with them, begs and urges them to come home.