

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

A Family Meeting with Grandpa

1 JOHN #4

Text: 1 John 2:12-17

*Beloved,
I write to you...*

1 JOHN 2:12

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BIG IDEA

The family of God needs forgiven children, strong young men, and wise fathers.

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KEY TRUTHS

- John speaks like a spiritual grandfather to the family of God.
- God's family includes different stages of spiritual maturity.
- Forgiven children need assurance.
- Strong young men need courage and endurance.
- Wise fathers need depth, stability, and spiritual memory.
- Every believer should know their place in the family and keep growing.

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MAIN EMPHASIS

- You are forgiven in Christ.
- You are strengthened by the Word of God.
- You overcome the evil one through Jesus.
- Do not love the world or the things in the world.
- The world is passing away, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Know where you are in your spiritual growth.
- Honor every generation in the family of God.
- Keep maturing — from childlike dependence, to spiritual strength, to wisdom.
- Refuse the pull of the world.
- Stay rooted in what lasts forever.

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KEY APPLICATION / CALL

KNOW YOUR PLACE IN THE FAMILY AND REFUSE THE WORLD'S PULL.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which description fits you most right now — child, young man, or father — and why?
2. How has God shown you that you are forgiven?
3. Where do you feel the pull of the world most strongly?
4. What is one step you can take this week to grow stronger in Christ?

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PRAYER FOCUS

*Father, thank You for making us part of Your family. Help us grow in assurance, strength, and wisdom. Teach us to resist the world and abide in Your will.
In Jesus' name, amen.*

— WE ARE HIS FAMILY. WE ARE HERE TO GROW. WE ARE SENT TO LOVE. —

