

What I Need From My Father

Matthew 3:13-17 NIV

The Baptism of Jesus

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Affirmation (identity), Affection (love), Approval (Security).

Live Survey: Which do you desire more in this moment?

If we don't receive these things, we will continue to struggle.

1 John 2:16

¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

Point 1: We need affirmation from our Father.

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, [a] 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 John 3:1

3 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.

Point 2: We need affection from our Father.

1 John 4:19

19 We love each other [a] because he loved us first.

John 3:16 NIV

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Point 3: We need approval from our Father.

Ephesians 1:5

⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Jesus was tempted!

What gave Jesus the boldness and ability to face these temptations?
He was close to the Father and received these things from him.

John 12:49

I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it.

All of these things were spoken over Jesus *BEFORE* he began his public ministry. They were not a result of his perfection or his servanthood. They were a result of his relationship. These are not things you can do. They are things you can receive. If you'll receive them, you can face any temptation and anything this world throws at you.

God wants to give you His name!