

**Loved:**  
**Made for Love**

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1 John 3:1 (NIV) "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

Ephesians 3:17-19 "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

**1. GOD IS A CARING FATHER**

Psalms 103:13 (NIV) "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him..."

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!"

Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV) "So don't worry saying, 'What shall we eat? ... or what shall we wear?' ... Your heavenly Father knows you need these things."

**2. GOD IS A CONSISTENT FATHER**

James 1:17 (NIV) "Every good and perfect gift... is from the Father ... who does not change like shifting shadows."

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV) "Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself."

Romans 11:29 (LB) "God will never go back on His promises."

Psalms 136:1 (LB) "My God is changeless in His love for me."

**3. GOD IS A FATHER WHO IS CLOSE**

Acts 17:27 (NIV) "God did this so people would ... reach out for Him and find Him, since He is not far from each of us."

3.1. He is never too busy for you.

**Psalm 145:18 (NIV) “The Lord is near to all who call on Him.”**

3.2. He loves to meet your needs.

**Matthew 7:11 (NIV) “If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”**

3.3. He is sympathetic to your hurts.

**Psalm 34:18 (NIV) “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”**

#### **4. GOD IS A COMPETENT FATHER**

**Luke 1:37 (NIV) “For nothing is impossible with God.”**

**Ephesians 3:20 (LB) “(God) is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask to even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!”**

### **Sermon Discussion Guide**

**OPEN WITH PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. Do you experience God as a good and loving Father?
2. Have earthly fathers disappointed you in the past? Does this influence the way you experience God as a Father?
3. Do you believe that God created you to love you?