



Grace Assembly Of God

RESTORED TO WHOLENESS DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Rom 8:15 Title: Father Heart of God

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Key Principle
To understand the Father heart of God. We are not orphans but God's sons and daughters. When the Apostle Paul addressed God as our Abba Father; it's not just a polite phrase for greetings but an expression of an intimate relationship between a Father and son. God the Father created and molded us while we were in our mother's womb. He knows us more than we know ourselves, closer and more personal than an earthly father ever could. He loves us unconditionally. His perfect love covers our imperfections. He has forgiven us and fully acceptance us as His sons and daughters.

Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
My image of a Father was very much shaped by my Dad; distant, disconnected and physically abusive at times. I lived like an orphan craving for affirmation everywhere I went and never satisfied. Even as a believer, I was striving to be good enough to be holy enough and yet always felt unworthy. A distorted image of a father resulted in me seeing God the father as a stern and distant disciplinarian; ready to jump on me and punish me if I disobey him. It crippled me in my role as a father, it robbed me of the intimate relationship that I could have with God, my Abba Father. However, God loved me too much to let me stayed the way I was. I had a divine encounter with God the father during an inner healing session. At that instance, I felt an invisible barrier between God the Father and me was removed. Since then I can see Him, hear Him & feel Him like never before. And the best thing was that my relationships with my wife and my 2 sons grew to a much deeper emotional connectedness that I've never imagined.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:
How would you describe your relationship with your Dad?
How has it affected you as a Father/mother now?
How has it affected you in your relationship with God your Abba Father?

Youth:
How would you describe your relationship with your Dad?
How has it affected you in your relationship with God your Abba Father?

Child:
Describe God the Father in your own words?
Who is He like?
What does he do?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:
Thank You Abba God for being our loving Father. In your perfect and unconditional love have accepted us in our all our imperfections. May we discover who you as our loving Father in our lives and stop living an orphan life. Reveal yourselves to us this day

Thanksgiving Prayer:
I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer:
I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:
I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day).
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.