



# The Father's Heart

Galatians 4:3-6

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<sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Because we are God's beloved sons and daughters, whom He rejoices over, we may and can call out to Him, "Abba, my Father." Do you unconditionally, from your whole heart agree with this statement? Or do you just smile and nod, while in your heart holding onto the image you have of your earthly father, who maybe never had time for you because of a divorce, or just wasn't there to give you encouragement and comfort when you needed it most? Maybe he destroyed your sense of self-esteem through harsh, repeated criticism? Have you come to view your Heavenly Father through these lenses?

As children, we are reliant on the help of our parents. And our parents were human beings, just like you and I, and even in their best efforts they failed from time to time in raising us, resulting in the wounds we now carry.

Where do I get help and healing then? God Himself wants to heal us and give us a new image of what a father is; what He is like. We can enlist the help of a mature Christian, whom we trust. With their help we can look at our situation and all the past hurt we have suffered, so we can together ask God to heal these inner wounds. We can learn to let go of the open and secret accusations we hold against our parents. God wants to fill us in all our deficiencies with His unlimited love. God wants and will give you the secure and safe feeling that comes from being held in His arms, just like the feeling a child gets when they sit on their father's lap, so that you can only but say, "Abba, daddy, my father." This will change you in such a drastic way, it will glow to all others around you.

> For more reading material, read Floyd McClung's book *The Father Heart of God*

**Prayer:** *Our Father in Heaven, You have proven Your love for me through Your Son, Jesus Christ; today I put my trust in You for everything and accept Your gift of grace for my life. Amen.*

**-Gudrun and Siegfried Köble-**

