Getting to Know God Better

Who Is My Father?

The Affects of Fatherlessness 1 in 4 Children

70% girl teen pregnancy

63% teens who commit suicide

85% of children who demonstrate behavioral disorders

71% teens without fathers abuse substances

75% of teens in substance abuse centers report no father in the home

279% more likely to carry a gun and deal drugs

66% juvenile delinquents report no father

85 % of current adult prisoners in jail now are fatherless

1. Fathers are important to the life and development of their children.

2. We are hard wired to need a Father.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father!"

Exodus 34:6-7

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Gracious = "Khanun"

Root word- "Khen"

Indicates delight and generous favor that is not necessarily deserved.

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

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Slow to Anger- Patient.

"Long of Nose"

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Romans 1:20-24 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts.

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"Kheseed" = Loyal Love

Unconditional love, enduring commitment, and generosity into one all encompassing word.

Psalm 136:1-4

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love endures forever. To Him who alone does great wonders. His love endures forever.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Breaking Generational Cycles

1. Someone needs to purposely make a point to break the cycle.

2. It needs to die out.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry "Abba, Father!"