

Wisdom Not Worry
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“Our Father in Heaven...”

Years ago a young lady told me she had a hard time seeing God as her father. Her dad was a miserable cuss who abused her when he was drunk and tried to buy her love when he was sober. I was glad to be able to tell her that “Our Father in heaven” isn’t anything like our earthly fathers. Our “heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

Our heavenly Father knows what we need. As a father to our sons, I do my best to anticipate my sons’ needs during the various stages of their lives. Sometimes I get it right. Often times I don’t. When I thought they needed a stern rebuke, what they really needed was a hug and a word of encouragement. When I was certain they needed some good advice from their pa, what was in order was a listening ear. Our Heavenly Father isn’t like me. He knows exactly what we need when we need it (Matt. 6:32).

Our heavenly Father is not only aware, He’s able. He’s not only compassionate, He’s capable. One of the toughest things about being a dad is when your child asks for good things, but, because of lack of funds, know-how, or time, you can’t provide. Our Heavenly Father’s resources are more than enough to meet our needs. “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).

Our Father in heaven is always faithful. I suspect my sons have learned a certain finesse when it comes to asking me for things. It’s no time to ask me to borrow my truck when I just bombed on the pulpit, am anxious about a situation at the office or in need of a nap. As an earthly father, I can be temperamental. Our Heavenly Father is not. He is faithful. He doesn’t “change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17).

The Father to whom we pray, isn’t just any father. He’s our Father in Heaven.

Grateful,
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