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## Happy Father's Day 2015!

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

### A Tale of Two Dads

1. A good Dad \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A good Dad is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A good Dad is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.” - Anne Lamott

I love my Dad because \_\_\_\_\_.

“**Abba**, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Mark 14:36 (NIV)

Abba is a familiar, dependent, endearing term, similar to our word, \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Prodigal Son

Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. <sup>13</sup> Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living. <sup>14</sup> “When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! <sup>23</sup> Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> The servant replied, ‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because

he received his son back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. <sup>29</sup> He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ <sup>31</sup> Then his father said, **‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’** <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.”  
Luke 15:11-32 (CEB)

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8 (NIV)

“Eternal means that God is \_\_\_\_\_.” - Johnny Aguon

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2 (NIV)

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Psalm 106:1 (NASB)

Because God always was, is and will be, He’s never \_\_\_\_\_.

After all, He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to be with us and to love us.

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Sources: *Soul Keeping* by John Ortberg; *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri and J.M. Nouwen