



Real Church: The Real Father

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What does God say when He thinks of you?

How you answer that question will reveal how you see God.

- what you believe about God
- what kind of Father you think God is

Places where we can get the wrong narrative about God.

1. The Bible (taken out of context)
2. Society/Culture
3. Our Personal History

Our stories, once in place, determine much of our behavior without regard to their accuracy or helpfulness. Once these stories are stored in our minds, they stay there largely unchallenged until we die. And here is the main point: these narratives are running (and often ruining) our lives. That is why it is crucial to get the right narratives.

- *The Good and Beautiful God*, James Bryan Smith

The problem is less that we tell lies and more that we live them; we let false narratives about reality into our bodies, and they wreak havoc in our souls.

- *Live No Lies*, John Mark Comer

Jesus knows the Father

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." - Matthew 11:27 (NIV)

What kind of Father is God according to Jesus?

- God is Good Father – Matthew 19:17
- God is a Trustworthy Father – The Garden of Gethsemane
- God is a Generous Father – Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- God is a Loving Father – The Parable of the Prodigal Son

"If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." - John 14:9

"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." - Zephaniah 3:17