

This week Dr. James Baucom Sr. continues the sermon series **All in the Family (of God)** with **Children of the Father** based on several passages of Scripture.

1. What's in a name?

- Is there significance to the name you were given?
- If so, please share it with your IG.
- Do you know the meaning of your name?
- If not, try to look it up so you can share it with your IG.

2. In the following verses, what is the name given for God?

- Genesis 17:1-2**
- Genesis 22:13-14**
- Exodus 15:22-27**
- Exodus 17:15**
- Judges 6:22-24**
- Psalms 23:1**

What can you learn about the character of God through his names?

3. Read the following verses in which God is addressed as *Father*.

- Deuteronomy 32:6**
- Isaiah 64:8**
- Jeremiah 31:9**
- Malachi 2:10**

What can you glean about the Old Testament concept of *Father*?

4. **Read and reflect on Luke 15.** Sit with the passage for several minutes. Read it again, slowly and reflectively **focusing on the role of the Father** in this parable.

- What characteristics do you see in the father?
- What do you see in how the father relates to the younger son?
- What do you discover about how the father relates to the older son?
- Imagine the compassion of the father. How do you think the sons felt as he shared his compassion toward them?

- Reflect on the forgiveness of the father. How would you describe forgiveness as displayed in the father's relationship with his sons?
- What can you learn about the father's generosity as he related with both sons?
- How does this parable help you to better understand the relationship you can have with your Heavenly Father?

5. **Read and reflect on John 10:14-18; 25-30; 37-38.**

- What does Jesus say about his relationship to His Abba in these verses?
- What can you discover about your access to Abba?
- How does Jesus recognize *his own*?

6. Read the following verses searching for an understanding of Abba and your relationship as Abba's child:

- Matthew 5:16 & 7:11**
- Matthew 6:2-6; 8-15**
- Luke 12:30-32**
- John 14:7-15**
- John 7:21**
- Galatians 4:3-8**

- What have you learned? What insights have you gained?
- What do you understand about how we live in relationship with our Abba?

7. Reflect on all that you have learned. How do you feel about being Abba's child? Share your thoughts and feelings with your IG.