

Sunday June 20, 2021  
Matthew 6:9-13  
Applied Christianity: World's Greatest Dad

Our Father L \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ Than All Other Fathers  
on E \_\_\_\_\_.

To call God Father is to s \_\_\_\_\_ to His w \_\_\_\_\_.

Our Father T \_\_\_\_\_ All Other Fathers in the U \_\_\_\_\_.

To Call God Father in Heaven is to b \_\_\_\_\_ a c \_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven.

Our Father's N \_\_\_\_\_ is A \_\_\_\_\_ All Other Fathers  
on E \_\_\_\_\_.

To Hallow Our Father's N \_\_\_\_\_ is to r \_\_\_\_\_ all  
i \_\_\_\_\_ and make Him the sole o \_\_\_\_\_ of  
our w \_\_\_\_\_ and d \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Devotional Thought**

When my girls were little, they thought that I was the strongest, smartest person in the whole world. They trusted me implicitly believing that there was nothing I couldn't do. They knew that I would never let anything bad happen to them. Then they grew up, just like we all do, and they recognized that while they could always trust me, I couldn't control everything that happened to them and that there were many things that I could not do. I think they may still believe that I am the strongest and smartest, so please don't tell them any different.

Quite often, our first beliefs about God are based on what we believe about our earthly fathers. If our earthly fathers love us, then we believe God loves us. If our earthly fathers take care of us, then we believe God will take care of us. But if our earthly fathers don't do these things, then it might be very difficult for us to truly trust God.

My point is that while our earthly fathers should strive to be more like our Heavenly Father, it is dangerous for us to equate the two. There are only two ways for us to really know God: by reading His Word and experiencing His presence in our lives. Jesus has always known our Heavenly Father best, and so His Words are where we should look to discover more about the Father. What does Jesus tell us about God? First and foremost, He teaches us that God is loving, and His love is not limited nor is it conditional. He teaches us that God wants to be in a relationship with us and that He is always working towards that end. I would challenge you to search the Bible to see what else Jesus teaches us about Our Father.

But what about you? Keeping in mind that we must filter all of our experiences through the Word, how have you experienced God's presence in your life, and what have you learned from those experiences?