

# THINGS I KNOW FOR SURE!

## WHAT IS FATHER LIKE?

**When I feel ABANDONED, He is watching me:**

- He was watching at my birth. He is watching me for all time.
- He didn't neglect me.
- He didn't despise me
- He didn't abandon me.
- The extent of His gaze is the extent of His involvement with me.

**When I feel ABANDONED, He cares for me:**

- Not all fathers are father like, but He is.
- He is real to those whose sin is real.
- His affection is overwhelming.
- His compassion is powerful.
- His emotion for me is like a Volcano.
- His love for me is loyal and intense.
- He is a spiritual Father who is warm, tender, and kind.
- He is attentive to my needs.
- He is diligent to care for me.
- He wants me to respond to His Fathering.
- He wants me to rely on His Son.

**When I feel ABANDONED, He is pursuing me:**

- His love is unique.

- He created me unique.
- I am uniquely loved.
- He chases down the toughest cases (that's me).
- He pursues me through His Son.
- He pursues me by the Holy Spirit.
- He pursues me by setting up strategic conditions.
- He sets me up for deliverance.
- He seeks me through His comfort.

**When I feel **ABANDONED**, He pursues me:**

- Father begets children.
- He is involved in every detail.
- He designs His children.
- He wants a personal relationship with His children.
- He wants an exclusive relationship with His children.
- He wants a reciprocal relationship with His children.

**Father **DELIGHTS** in me, and **LIKES** me:**

- Love, the answer to abandonment comes from the Father.
- He desires that I connect with His love.
- His love as Father and Parent is needed for my growth.
- His secure love matures me.

**He sees me **DIFFERENTLY** than I see myself:**

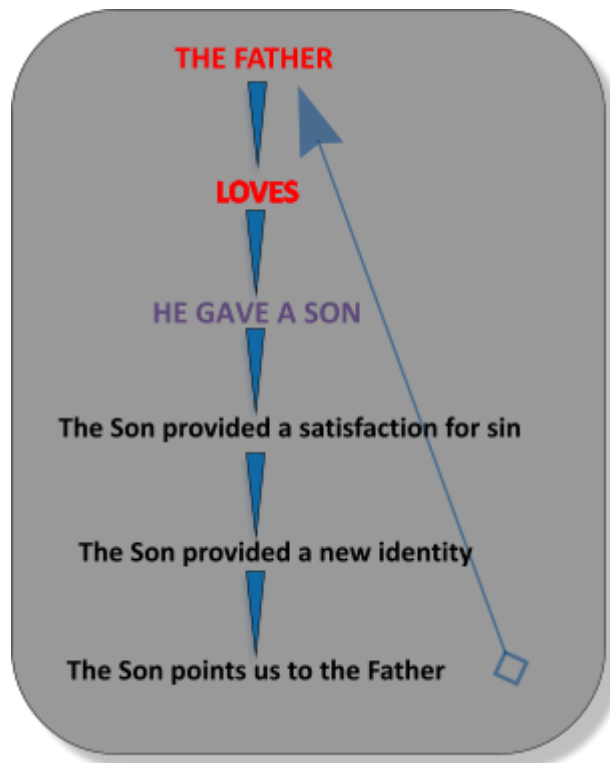
- He used Jesus and Paul to paint a new identity for me.
- Father wants me to live out of who and whose I am.

Who I am is more **IMPORTANT** to Him than what I do:

- Father's thinking is different to mine.
- I am of worth as a son to Father.
- Father values my worth more than the whole world.

Father will **CLEAR AWAY** my clutter:

- Father has a hierarchy of His heart.



Father and Jesus want me to **SHARE** their love.

Father wants me to **LIVE** in His unimaginable world of love.

Father's love is that of a **TENDERHEARTED PARENT** to me.

On His fridge is **MY PHOTO**.

Father wants me to **NESTLE**, not wrestle with His love

Father is **HEAD-OVER-HEELS** in love with me.

When Father thinks of me, I am His **HAPPY THOUGHT**.

Father is **NOT ASHAMED** to be my Father.

Father is **NOT ASHAMED** to be my friend.

Father will **NOT JUDGE** me.

Father will **NEVER LEAVE** me

Father will **NEVER FORSAKE** me.

Father will **NEVER ABANDON** me.

**HE IS THE FATHER I ALWAYS WANTED!**

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