



# My ABBA, My Father

## Knowing Your Position in His Family

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### 1. Mark 14:35-36 NIV

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### Mark 14:35-36 NLT

He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. <sup>36</sup> **“Abba, Father,”** he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

### Mark 14:35-36 MSG

Going a little ahead, he fell to the ground and prayed for a way out: “Papa, Father, you can—can’t you? —get me out of this. Take this cup away from me. But please, not what I want—what do *you* want?”

### Mark 14:35-36 AMP

After going a little farther, He fell to the ground [distressed by the weight of His spiritual burden] and *began* to pray that if it were possible [in the Father’s will], the hour [of suffering and death for the sins of mankind] might pass from Him. <sup>36</sup> He was saying, “Abba, Father! All things are possible for You; take this cup [of judgment] away from Me; but not what I will, but what You will.”

**ABBA** - An Aramaic word used by young children when informally addressing their fathers, but not used by Jews in prayer because of the word’s implied familiarity. Jesus’ use of the word emphasized his Father-Son relationship with God. Today, it would be “Daddy” or “Papa”.

**SUBMISSION** – Jesus lived in surrender to His Father. He fell to the ground and prayed. He knew He was secure in the Father’s love. What full submission looks like - Proverbs 3:5,6

**HARD TIMES** – Most of the time, we simply want out of hard times. We ask, “can you please take this away?” or “could you get me out of this?” But often, difficult seasons have their reasons! Many times, there’s purpose in suffering. Romans 8:28

**OMNIPOTENCE** – God is all-powerful! All things are possible with GOD! Everything is possible – everything. Trust him for all your needs: your healing, restoration, reconciliation, forgiveness and more. Many times, “we have not because we ask not.” (James 4:3)

## **GOD'S PLAN**

– Its hard but brave to say, “not my will but yours be done”.

Believe that HE will accomplish His divine purposes for us and in us and through us.

TRUST HIS WILL for your life.

## **2. Romans 8:14-16 NIV**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “**Abba**, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

### **Romans 8:14-16 NIV**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children<sup>Ⓜ</sup> of God. <sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.<sup>Ⓜ</sup> Now we call him, “**Abba**, Father.” <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.

### **Romans 8:14-16 AMP**

For all who are *allowing themselves to* be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God’s judgment], but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, “**Abba!** Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies *and* confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God.

### **Romans 8:14-16 TLB**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> And so we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should behave like God’s very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, “Father, Father.” <sup>16</sup> For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God’s children.

**LEAD BY HIS SPIRIT** – Letting God’s Spirit lead us is one of the clear signs that we are CHILDREN of GOD.

**HIRED SLAVES vs ADOPTED SONS** – Big swing on our position in Christ. We don’t have to 2<sup>nd</sup> guess our place. WE ARE IN – we’re no longer slaves but family!

**FEAR IS NOT OF GOD** – Its always of the enemy, the devil! We are to live in Freedom not Fear! I am safe and secure as His child.

**ADOPTION to SONSHIP** implied the full legal standing, under Roman law, as a son by birth. We are fully part of God’s Family. The adoption went through. We are actually His kids now. ADOPTED. We are doubly chosen!

**GROWING INTIMATE CONNECTION** – we now call Him DADDY because we have become so close. Free to draw close with CONFIDENCE! (Heb. 4:16)

**INNER SPIRIT CONFIRMATION** – His Spirit Bears Witness with Our Spirit that we are Children of God.

### 3. Galatians 4:4-7 NIV

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba,<sup>(a)</sup> Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

### Galatians 4:4-7 NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.<sup>(a)</sup> <sup>6</sup> And because we<sup>(a)</sup> are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."<sup>(a)</sup> <sup>7</sup> Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child.<sup>(a)</sup> And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

### Galatians 4:4-7 AMP

But when [in God's plan] the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the [regulations of the] Law, <sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem *and* liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as sons [as God's children with all rights as fully grown members of a family]. <sup>6</sup> And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond-servant), but a son; and if a son, then also an heir through [the gracious act of] God [through Christ].

### Galatians 4:4-7 TLB

But when the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born as a Jew, <sup>5</sup> to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own sons. <sup>6</sup> And because we are his sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, so now we can rightly speak of God as our dear Father. <sup>7</sup> Now we are no longer slaves but God's own sons. And since we are his sons, everything he has belongs to us, for that is the way God planned.

**GOD-SENT SAVIOUR** – Jesus came to US. God so LOVED that He GAVE!

**REDEEMED** – He paid the price to free us from slavery. He bought our freedom. He liberated US. Jesus willingly gave His life to purchase our salvation.

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**GOD'S VERY OWN CHILDREN** – We Belong to God's amazing family.

**INDWELLING SPIRIT'S PROMPTING** – It's in us now to call Him ABBA. The Holy Spirit encourages us to lean in and trust God the Father.

**HEIRS OF HIS GOODNESS** – Everything belongs to us. Our future is secure.

#### **4. Deuteronomy 1:31 NIV**

and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, **as a father carries his son**, all the way you went until you reached this place.”

#### **Deuteronomy 1:31 NLT**

And you saw how the LORD your God cared for you all along the way as you traveled through the wilderness, **just as a father cares for his child**. Now he has brought you to this place.’

#### **Deuteronomy 1:31 MSG**

you saw what he did in the wilderness, how GOD, your God, **carried you as a father carries his child**, carried you the whole way until you arrived here.

#### **Deuteronomy 1:31 AMP**

and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried *and* protected you, **just as a man carries his son**, all along the way which you traveled until you arrived at this place.’

**CARED FOR YOU THROUGH YOUR WILDERNESS  
CARRIED AS A FATHER  
BROUGHT YOU THIS FAR – ALL THE WAY HOME  
HE DIDN'T BRING US THIS FAR TO LEAVE US**

#### **Father's Day Song - 1986**

*He's a Father better than my Dad  
That's amazing knowing the one I had.  
And to think that God loves me all the more  
He's my Father, I'm His child, and I am glad!*

#### **DAD CURRIE CARRYING ME HOME**

*I knew my Father's Love*

- *Felt safe – HE was my protector. I was in His arms.*
- *Felt secure – HE wouldn't drop me or let me go.*
- *Felt Cared for – HE lifted me up and did the work fully.*
- *Felt Known – HE called me, even whispered my name.*
- *Felt Close – HE let me snuggle close to Him. Rested there.*
- *Felt Connected – I felt his heart – My chest against His*
- *Felt Assured – Don't worry. I've got you. It's all ok.*
- *Felt Aware – This breath, this smell, this voice. Familiar.*

**HE IS YOUR “DADDY”. You are safe and secure with HIM**