## Our Father in Heaven

#### Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

<sup>9b</sup>Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



## Primary ingredients of The Lord's Prayer

• The RELATIONSHIP between the Father and Son

• The SOVEREIGNTY of the Father

### God is RELATIONAL

#### Dwells in Community

**John 17:5** And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

### • Exists in Unity (Tri-unity)

*Matthew 28:19* Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

#### Works in Harmony

John 15:26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

# Genesis 1:1-26

- "Let there be... light,"...a vault between the waters
- "Let there be...dry ground..."
- "Let the land produce vegetation..."
- "Let there be...separate day from the nigh
- "Let the water teem with living creatures.
- "Let the land produce living creatures..."



 Vs26 Then God said, "Let <u>Us</u> make man in <u>Our</u> image, according to <u>Our</u> likeness"

## Relationship is paramount to God

**Vertical** God with man

Horizontal Man with man



## Families are very important to God

- Fathers have a unique role
- With crucial responsibilities

#### Malachi 2:16

"The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect," says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.



### Can I trust God my Father?

• OUR VIEW OF THE FATHER is formed by OUR VIEW OF OUR fATHER

### Unconditional Love

#### 1 John 3:1

"See what great love **the Father** has lavished on us, that we should be called children of **God**! And that is what we are!"



### **Emotional connection**

#### Galatians 4:6

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, *"Abba*, Father."



## Compassion

2 Corinthians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

**Psalm 68:5** A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.



## Patience – (Long suffering)

**Psalm 86:15** But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

**Psalm 103:10** He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.



## Availability

*Ephesians 3:12* In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

