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God the Father

This past weekend Dr. Wayne started a new series entitled, *Creed*. We will be looking at three of the major beliefs from the Apostles Creed, a summary of fundamental Christian teachings found in the Bible. Over the next three weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

1. God is a powerful God whose greatness is expressed in goodness. As a father He is intensely personal ((great) good) and as the Almighty He is infinitely powerful (read Jeremiah 32:17; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Ephesians 3:20; and 1 John 3:1).
2. We tend to relate to God with how we viewed our own dad. Some have been wounded or rejected and others had a good relationship with their fathers. We need to grow in our understanding of adoption and His delighting in us. He is a father who guides, heals, comforts, and cares for His children (read John 1:12).
3. There are many metaphors or images for God in the Bible to help us understand what God is like. Maybe you had an absent or abusive father. Maybe your mom was strict and demanding. Don't let that keep you from receiving the truth of what God wants to be to you as a loving parent (read Isaiah 66:13 and Matthew 7:11).
4. Don't let imperfect parents dictate your perception of God's character by attaching the feelings and impressions that we have of our earthly father to our concept of our Heavenly Father. He is faithful, generous, kind, and just. He loves you and longs to spend time with you. He wants you to receive His love and know that you are special and a unique person to Him.

Close in prayer