

From the Family Room

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LOVE WITHOUT END

The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." Jeremiah 31:3

Consider the incredible love that the Father has shown us in allowing us to be called "children of God"—and that is not just what we are called, but what we are. I John 3:1

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I got sent home from school one day with a shiner on my eye.
Fightin' was against the rules and it didn't matter why.
When dad got home I told that story just like I'd rehearsed.
And then stood there on those tremblin' knees and waited for the worst.
And he said, "Let me tell you a secret about a father's love,
A secret that my daddy said was just between us."
He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then.
It's a love without end, amen, it's a love without end, amen."

When I became a father in the spring of '81
There was no doubt that stubborn boy was just like my father's son.
And when I thought my patience had been tested to the end,
I took my daddy's secret and I passed it on to him.

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Last night I dreamed I died and stood outside those pearly gates.
When suddenly I realized there must be some mistake.
If they know half the things I've done, they'll never let me in.
And then somewhere from the other side I heard these words again.

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On this Fathers Day, I have many great memories of my dad, Freda's dad, my grandfathers, and numerous uncles who were integral parts of our family network. I have enjoyed many benefits in my life because of them. When I got in trouble by making bad decisions as a child, they disciplined me and forgave me – many times. They did this because their love had no end.

It may be that not everyone shares similar happy family memories. But we do have one thing in common – we have received the benefits of our heavenly Father's love without end. The Father has loved us with an everlasting love so strong that He gave us His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He loved us so much that he adopted us as His children.

It is our wish that all dads have a great day today. Thank you is so inadequate for the sacrifices you have made for us. Keep up the good work. May we always remember the unending love our heavenly Father has shown to us. May we never forget the sacrifice He made for us. May we grow in our love for Him. May we show that love to all around us every day. God does not just love His children every now and then, it's a love without end, amen.

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