



Father's Heart : Jeremiah 29:11

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Directions: Print this out, fold it in half, seal with a small piece of tape to give to each participant with a pencil telling them that they will get to keep this paper to put in their Bibles. Before breaking the seals ask the participants to jot down their answer to this question you pose out-loud, "If you could tell your human (earthly) father the most important thing about yourself, what would it be?" Let any who wish to share their answers do so, with one rule: no comments from anyone at any time, not even "hinting" on what anyone in the meeting says.

Q: If you could tell your human (earthly) father the most important thing about yourself, what would it be?

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Your **heavenly Father knows you better** than you know yourself... not only did He create you already knowing everything you would ever do, but, He still wants to be with you: right now, today!

He loves you better and more than anyone ever will. To make sure that you could be together with Him He came to earth to show you the way to live and then He died to take your place, your punishment for your crimes against Him. And yet, He won't force you to accept His gifts: the biggest one being the gift of everlasting life with Him in heaven.

He has so many gifts waiting for you to open with some of them so powerful that if He didn't take the time to train you, to teach you more about Him, it would be like handing you the steering mechanism to a gigantic passenger ship. Either you will bring all of the people safely to shore or you will all end up like the most infamous ship of all time, the Titanic, with few survivors finding the lifeboats and many perishing needlessly.

Remember, His plans for you aren't the same as the outcome of the Titanic's, but Noah's ark. **Let Him carry you through the storms and place you on dry land.**



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