



*Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,
"Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."*

*Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power
IN Favor Resources video teaching series*

#4 FAITH IN OUR FATHER GOD

Matthew 6:31 So *do not worry*, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and *your heavenly Father knows that you need them*. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Our "Father in heaven" ...

- causes the sun to rise and sends the rain (Matthew 5:45)
- rewards us (6:1)
- forgives us (6:14; Mark 11:25)
- feeds the birds of the air (6:26)
- clothes the flowers of the field, and us (6:30)
- knows what we need (6:32)
- gives us all necessary things (6:33)
- gives good gifts to us (7:11)
- gives revelation about Jesus (16:17)
- takes special care for children (18:10)
- is not willing that we should perish (18:14)
- responds to our agreement (18:19)
- gives the Holy Spirit to us (Luke 11:13)

"The Christian has the double armor against anxiety: the name of the Father, and the conviction that the Father's knowledge is co-extensive with the Father's love. He who calls us his children thoroughly understands what his children want. And so, anxiety is contrary to the very name by which we have learned to call God, and to the pledge of pitying care and perfect knowledge of our frame which lies in the words, 'our Father.' Our Father is the name of God, and our Father intensely cares for us, and lovingly does all things for us." (Alexander Maclaren, "Anxious Care")

Pressing In:

1 Thessalonians 2:11 And you know how affectionately we treated each one of you, *like a loving father cares for his own children*. ¹² We comforted and encouraged you and challenged you to adopt a lifestyle worthy of God, who invites you into his kingdom and glory. (Passion)

Yes, I'm putting my faith in the Almighty God, the Creator of all things, the God of heaven and earth, the high and lofty One, the Holy One of Israel, the King Eternal, the Sovereign Lord, the Majesty on high, the Righteous Judge, the First and the Last, the One who was, and is, and is to come ... but I am also putting my faith in _____!



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