



# Five Ways to Father Like God

PROVERBS 20:6-7



And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up  
(Deut. 6:6-7).



Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- Ephesians 6:4

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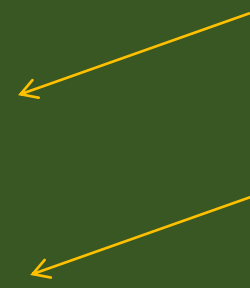
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FIVE WAYS TO  
**FATHER**  
LIKE GOD





YOUR Beliefs  
DON'T MAKE YOU  
A BETTER PERSON,  
YOUR  
Behavior  
DOES.

1. SHOW

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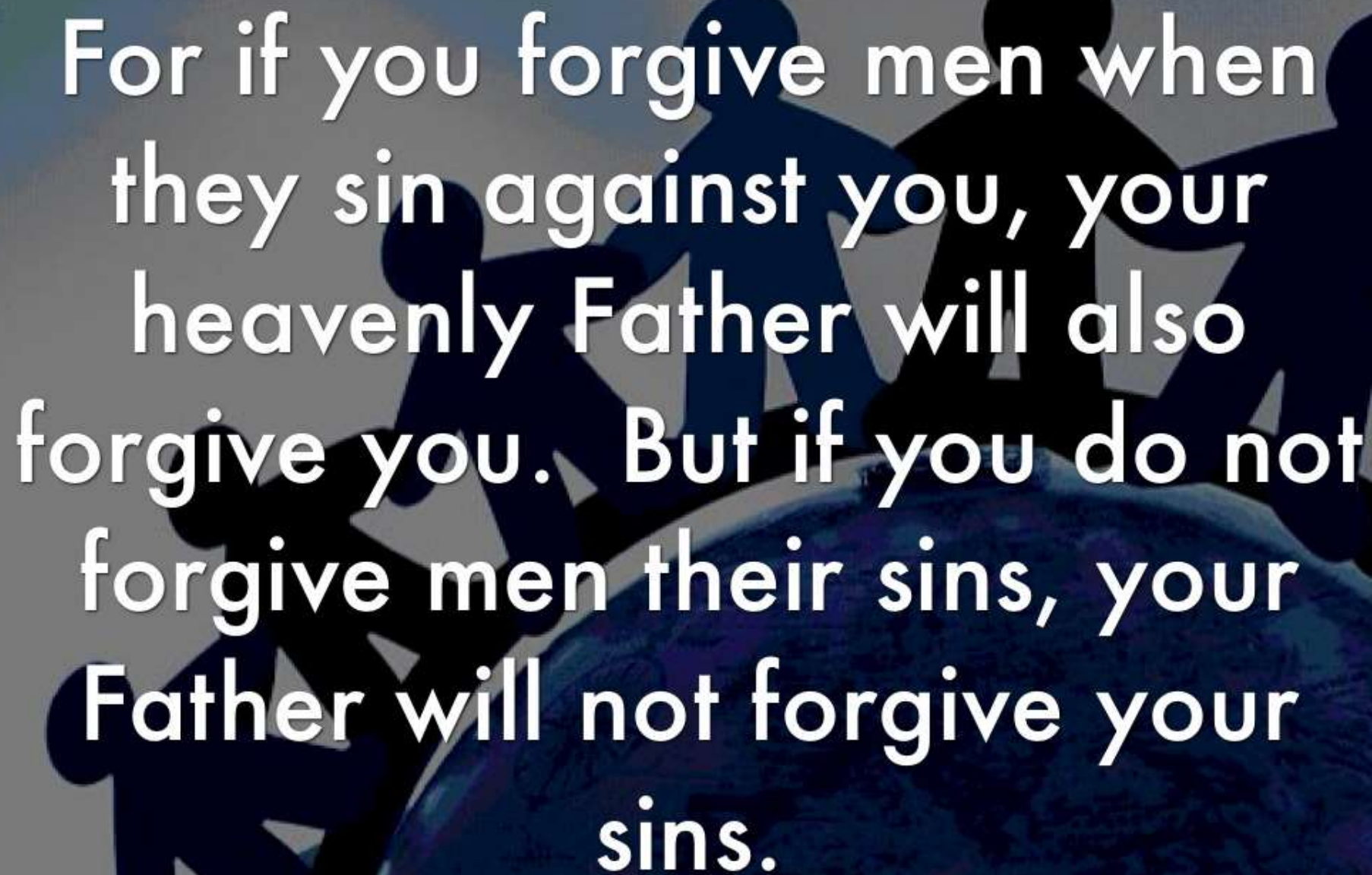
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**A) BY BEING FORGIVING**

Forgiveness : Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

The background of the slide features a dark blue gradient. In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a globe. Above the globe, several black silhouettes of human figures are arranged in a circle, holding hands, symbolizing global unity or community.





**Be kind and compassionate**  
to one another,  
**forgiving each other**  
just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Be imitators of God,**  
as dearly loved children  
and live a life of love,  
just as **Christ loved us**  
and gave himself up for us,  
Ephesians 4:32-5:2

What does forgiveness look like?





# *The Parables of Jesus*

## Parable of the *Unmerciful Servant*



MATTHEW 18:21-35




Forgiveness



A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of colorful flowers, including red, pink, and white blossoms, stretching towards a horizon under a warm, golden sunset sky. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side, casting a soft light over the scene. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky with a few wispy clouds.

# Healing Begins With Forgiveness

A simple line drawing of a sailboat's mast and rigging, positioned on the left side of the lower half of the image. The drawing is minimalist, showing the vertical mast and several horizontal cross-arms.

*I am the 'LORD Who Heals You' (Exodus 15:26 I  
am the 'balm of Gilead (Jeremiah 46:11)*

**b) Be redemptive more than punitive**





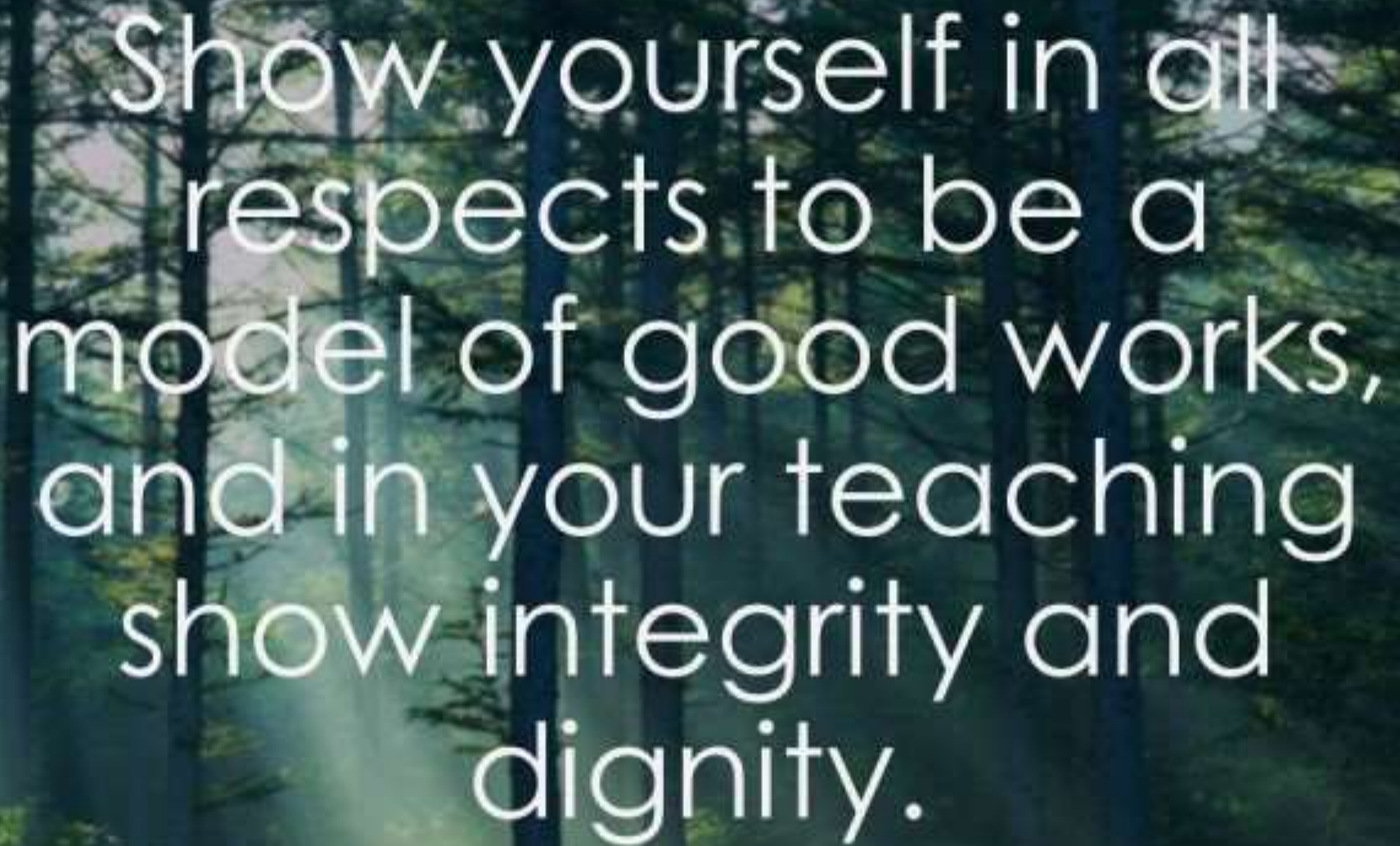
flames,<sup>e</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will be put away. 9 For we know in part and we see in part.

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity and dignity.

Titus 2:7

**2. SHOW THEM HOW TO LIVE...**



#3

BE

HELPFUL



## **4. HEAR THEM**

**Be a good listener.**

**Don't just listen,  
RESPOND!**





**Do you want God to  
simply listen to  
your prayers or to  
HEAR them?**





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# 5. Provide for them

{ GIVE }

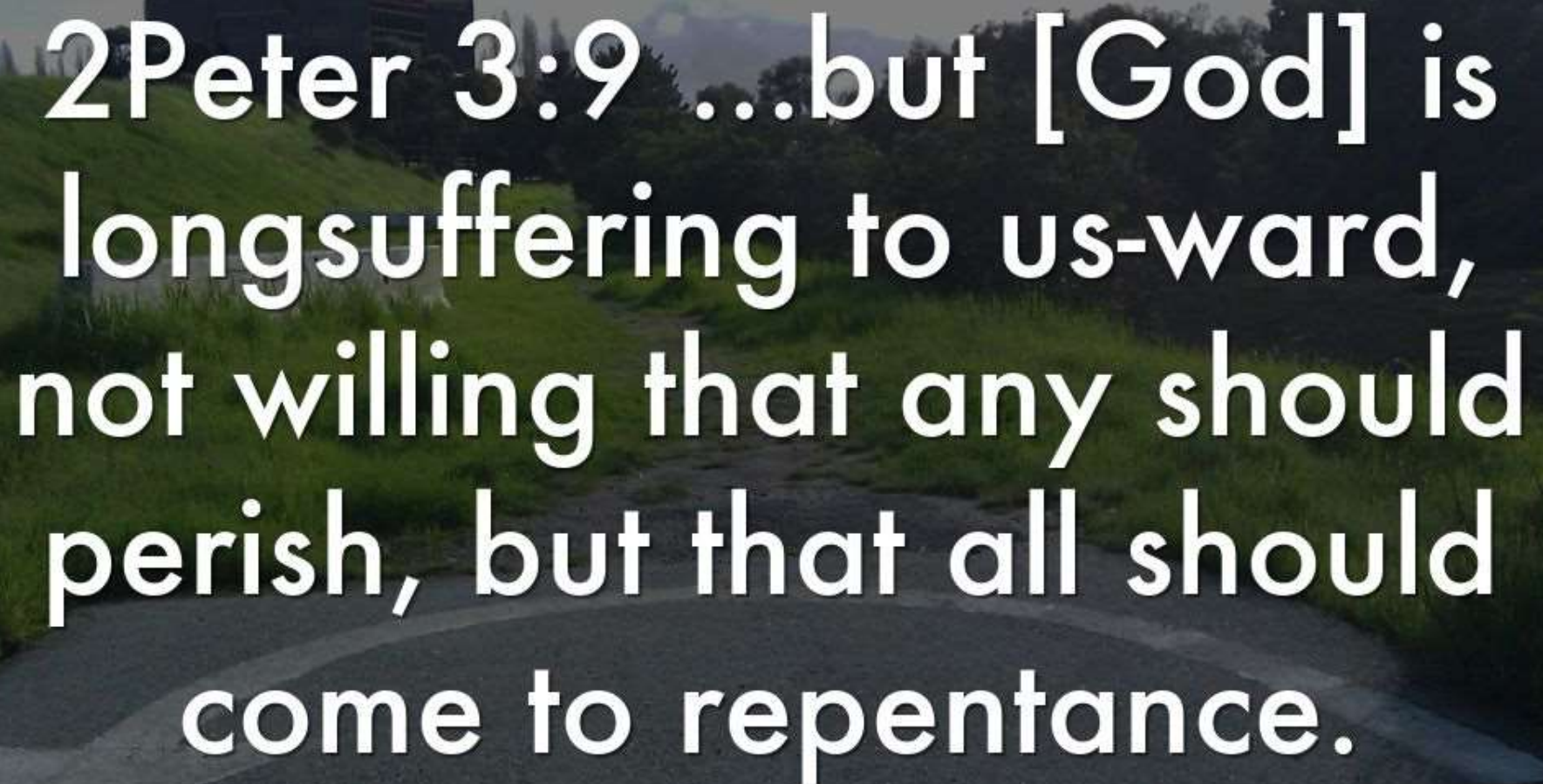
AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU  
GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN,

SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER

LUKE 6:38

spiritually,  
intellectually,  
physically,  
emotionally, etc.



A paved path leads through a green field towards a building in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

2Peter 3:9 ...but [God] is  
longsuffering to us-ward,  
not willing that any should  
perish, but that all should  
come to repentance.