

TO US

Everlasting Father

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No matter what ups and downs we've had, no matter what lies ahead, we can rest in the knowledge that we have an Everlasting Father who always has and always will love us unconditionally.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. | Isaiah 9:6
 - Another title Jesus has is Everlasting Father.
 - He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. | John 1:2-3
 - Since the beginning, Jesus was with God, and was God, and created everything.
 - We can trust God leading our life—he already knows the outcome.
 - Jesus is the provider, founder, and creator of everlasting life.
 - For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. | Romans 8:16-17
 - The most outstanding gift given to us is the opportunity to be children of the Everlasting God.
 - God is a Father who was, is, and always will be kind, selfless, considerate, dependable, loyal, a provider, a protector, present, strong, a leader, honorable.
 - Through all of our ups and downs, God has been holding us in his arms like a loving father does.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has been the best representation of a father or parent figure in your life? Describe what qualities of theirs that have stuck with you the most.
2. What have you learned about being a great parent by either being a parent yourself or observing a parent close to you?
3. Do you live your daily life through the lens of being a child of the Everlasting Father, who loves us more deeply and faithfully than even the best parent we know? How should that inform your perspective of yourself, of others?