

**God With Us: 3 of 4**  
**“Everlasting Father”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**December 22, 2019**

**Big Idea:** Christmas is about God keeping His promise that we will never be alone because God is with us.

“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. Of the increase of his government and peace **there will be no end.**” **Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV)**

### **Our Everlasting Father Is With Us:**

#### **1. Jesus Reveals The \_\_\_\_\_**

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God**, and **trust also in me**. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to **prepare a place** for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.” “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would **know** who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have **seen him!**” **John 14:1-7 (NLT2)**

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father**. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that **I am in the Father**, and that the **Father is in me**? The **words** I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the **Father, living in me**, who is doing His work. Believe me when I say that **I am in the Father and the Father is in me**; or at least believe on the **evidence** of the miracles themselves.” **John 14:8-11 (NIV)**

“**Christ** is the **visible image** of the **invisible God**. He existed **before** anything was created and is **supreme** over all creation.” **Colossians 1:15 (NLT2)**

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## 2. Jesus Reveals The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Father

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with **love and compassion**, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.” **Luke 15:20-24 (NLT2)**

“The LORD is like a father to his children, **tender and compassionate** to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.”  
**Psalm 103:13-14 (NLT2)**

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## 3. Jesus Reveals The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Father

“For God **loved** the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have **eternal life**.”  
**John 3:16 (NLT2)**

“The Father loves me because I **sacrifice** my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to **lay it down** when I want to and also to **take it up** again. For this is what my Father has commanded.” **John 10:17-18 (NLT2)**

“My sheep **listen** to my voice; I know them, and they **follow** me. I give them **eternal life**, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and He is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. **The Father and I are one**.”  
**John 10:27-30 (NLT2)**

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➤ **Have I received God’s gift of salvation?**

### **My next right step, I will:**

- [ ] Read this week’s “Talk It Over” and journal down my personal application
- [ ] Accept God’s gift of salvation
- [ ] Sign up for Spiritual Upgrade Series – Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
- [ ] RSVP online for Date Night – Feb. 8, 2020  
<https://020820datenight.eventbrite.com>

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Make a family memory:**

Take a ride in the car and look at Christmas lights.  
Take an ugly Christmas sweater picture of your family. Make it fun!  
Start a shadow box of God moments

**Small Groups:** [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

**Open in Prayer:**

➤ What thoughts from this week's message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

**Icebreaker:** Why is there so much joy in giving?

**Read Isaiah 9:6-7**

What stands out about who God will send?

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**Our Everlasting Father Is With Us:**

**1. Jesus Reveals The Father To Us**

**Read John 14:1-11**

What do we learn about our Heavenly Father through Jesus?

**Read Colossians 1:15-16**

Who is Jesus?

## **2. Jesus Reveals The Compassion Of The Father**

**Read Luke 15:11-32**

What do you learn about the Father in this story from Jesus?

**Read Psalm 103:13-14**

How does this describe our Heavenly Father?

How do you normally think about God?

## **3. Jesus Reveals The Sacrificial Love Of The Father**

**Read John 3:16**

Do you struggle with the idea God loves you?

What did it take for God to prove His love for us?

**Read Romans 5:8**

**Read John 10:17-30**

What do you learn about Jesus and the Father?

Describe what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

How secure is our salvation in Jesus?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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