

## A RELATIONSHIP NEVER SEEN BEFORE

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 4

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**BIG IDEA:** Jesus revealed a relationship with God never seen before, and then made a way for us to join in it with him.

### 1. Jesus reveals a God we DID NOT KNOW.

“Father” is a loaded word

#### The God Jesus Knows

A **personal**, **loving** and **self-giving** Father. (John 16:27)

A Father who **affectionately loves** his Son. (John 3:35)

An **active** Father, engaged in everything! (John 5:17)

An **affirming** Father. (Mark 1:11; John 6:27)

A **generous** Father who gives and loves giving (Matt. 7:11; John 3:16; 6:32; Jas. 1:5)

A **close** and **personal** Father who wants to be known (John 10:15; 17:3; Mk. 14:36)

An **involved** Father indwelling... (John 10:38; 14:9-11)

An **attentive** Father who hears us. (John 11:41)

A **gracious** Father supplies what to say (John 12:50; 15:15)

An **embracing** Father, kids home with him. (Jn 14:2; 14:23)

A **giving** Father who sends help/Helper (John 14:16-17)

An **including** Father who wants us to experience oneness with him. (John 17:21)

An **every-present** Father precisely revealed in Jesus. (John 14:9; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)

A **comforting** and **merciful** Father. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

A **proud** and **purposeful** Father! (John 6:40)

### 2. Jesus revealed a RELATIONSHIP with his Father.

Jesus and the Father share **intimacy**. (John 1:1; 18)

They share **joy** and **delight**. (Luke 10:21)

They share **servanthood**. (Jn. 13; 5:19; Is. 53:1ff; Phil 2:6-8)

They're in **partnership in everything**. (Jn 5:17, 19-20; 5:22f)

They share **creativity**. (John 2)

They share **approval**, **honor** and **glory**. (John 6:27; 8:54)

They share **gifts** and are **constantly giving**! (John 6:37; 17:7, 9; 15:26).

They **mutually indwell** each other in oneness (John 10:30, 38; 14:10-11; 17:11, 21)

They share the **mission**. (John 4:34)

“**At the center of universe is a relationship**” that shares intimacy and joy, servanthood and purity, power and creativity, peace and glory!

### 3. Jesus prays for and makes a way FOR US TO SHARE in that relationship with him!

We've been invited to share in the Relationship at the center of the universe.

“I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

**John 17:26**

**You are included.**

“I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” **John 20:17**