

(LORD'S PRAYER sermon series)

The Living Room

(When Your Heart Needs a Father)

Matthew 6:9

INTRODUCTION: *Let's walk with Jesus into God's living room . . .*

I. IN OUR FATHER'S LIVING ROOM IS A WONDERFUL PAINTING

- A. It is a tender scene of a father & a runaway son who has come home (Luke 15)
- B. The face of the son in the painting is your face & mine
- C. **Our Father** welcomes you into His living room, especially when your heart needs a Father.

II. OF ALL HIS NAMES, FATHER SEEMS TO BE GOD'S FAVOURITE

- A. It is the name Jesus used the most (Luke 2:29; 23:46 . . . and 156 times in John's Gospel)
- B. What do you call your earthly father? (there are many choices)
- C. Jesus used a special, personal name that no one else would dare use: Abba (Mark 14:36)
- D. St. Paul tells us we also can call almighty God *Abba* (Romans 8:15)
- E. As we begin the Lord's Prayer with *Our Father / Abba* we are welcomed into the very living room of God



III. WE CAN ENTER GOD'S LIVING ROOM BECAUSE OUR FATHER HAS ADOPTED US

- A. Through Jesus, we are adopted as God's children (Romans 8:15-16; Galatians 4:4)
- B. Adoptive parents can understand God's passion to be Our Father
- C. God chose us . . . God adopted us . . . it was His eternal plan & desire (Ephesians 1:3-5)
- D. Adoption is not something we earn . . . it is something we receive (see again Romans 8 & Galatians 4)
- E. We cannot earn adoption by our stellar performance or lose it by our poor performance (That's what Jesus told us in the Luke 15 parable!)

CONCLUSION: *One more time in God's living room . . .*

*one last look at that painting of **us & Our Father**
(NOTE – the words etched in gold: Romans 8:38-39]*