

PRAY LIKE THIS:



***Mark 1:³⁵ Very early in the morning,
while it was still dark, Jesus got up,
left the house and went off to a
solitary place, where he prayed.***



*Matthew 6⁹ This, then, is how you
should pray: "Our Father in heaven,*



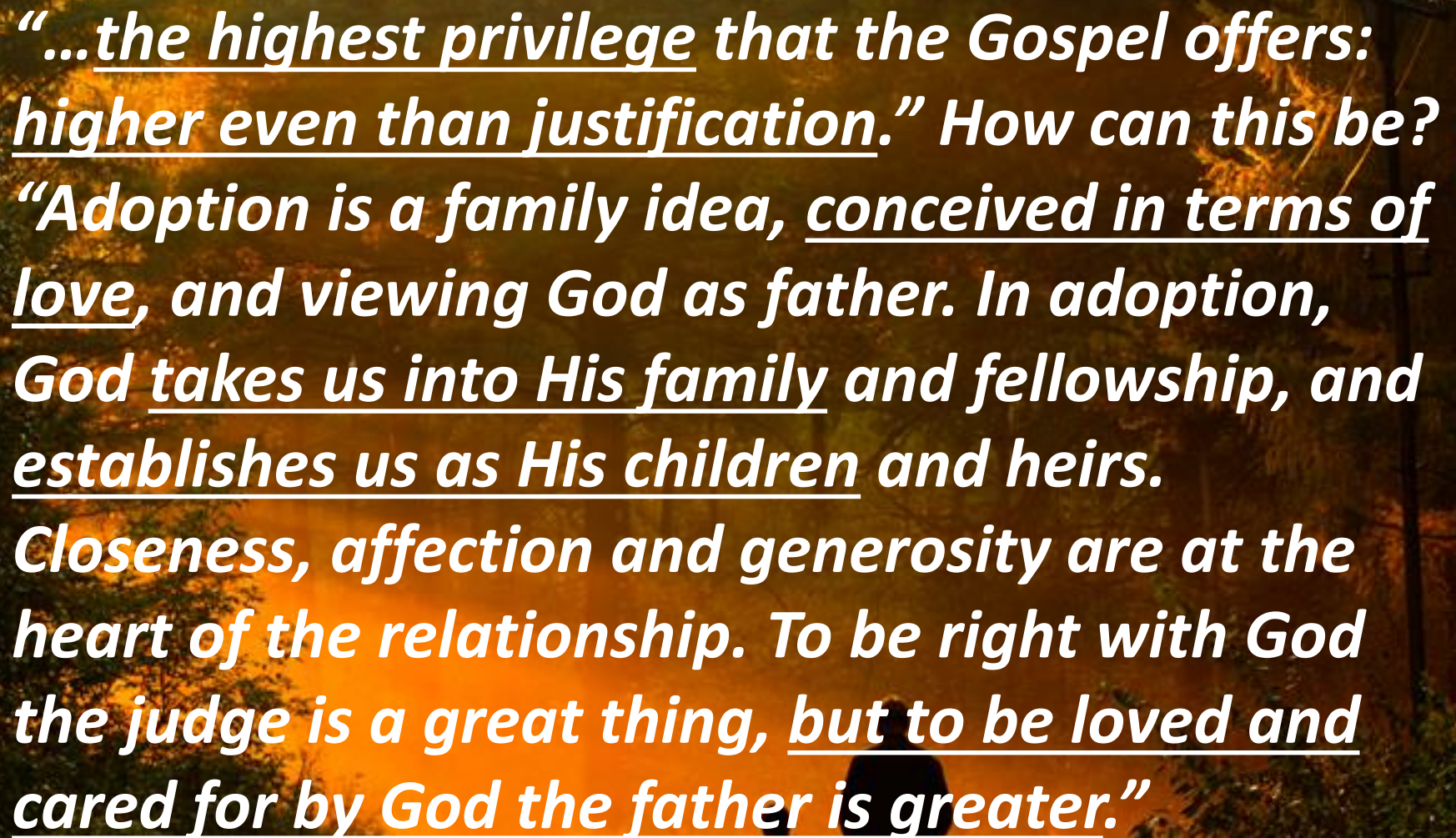
“When Jesus gave his disciples this prayer, he was giving them part of his own breath, his own life, his own prayer.” N.T. Wright



OUR FATHER...

- *Jesus radically redefines our relationship with God!*
- *God graciously relates to us as “Our Father”!*



A person is walking a dog on a paved path that leads into the distance. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden-orange glow in the sky and on the path. The person and the dog are silhouetted against the bright light. The background is filled with trees and foliage, some of which are illuminated by the low sun, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“...the highest privilege that the Gospel offers: higher even than justification.” How can this be? “Adoption is a family idea, conceived in terms of love, and viewing God as father. In adoption, God takes us into His family and fellowship, and establishes us as His children and heirs. Closeness, affection and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the father is greater.”

Packer, Knowing God, 186, 187

RELATING TO GOD AS OUR FATHER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

- *This changes how I relate to him in life and prayer.*
- *This changes how I pray for others.*



SABOTEURS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP

- *Broken homes...*
- *Hurtful relationships...*

