

1. God chooses to relate as "Father" to His children.

Romans 8:14-17



Note the depth of intimacy of this Father/child relationship – we are invited to call Him “Abba” – the first century equivalent of “DaDa” or “Papa”

2. Our Heavenly Father knows that we need discipline and that it’s for our good.

Hebrews 12:4-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, Hebrews 2:10



"Discipline" – instruction that trains someone to reach full development".

"Rebuke" – to convince with solid, compelling evidence.



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3. Pain is a necessary, but purposeful and productive aspect of God's fathering of us.

Hebrews 12:11-13, Deuteronomy 8:2-5

This is one of the primary roles that we're to play in each other's lives – to engage the "one anothers" in our brothers' and sisters' lives

