



TALK IT OVER

Everlasting Father

BOTTOM LINE

Christianity is a personal relationship with God the Father.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who has been a significant human father figure in your life?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [Everlasting Father](#) - song by Elevation Worship

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And he will be called ... Everlasting Father ... Isaiah 9:6 NLT

Jesus: "... this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." John 17:3 NKJV

Thus says the LORD, "Let not the one who is wise and skillful boast in his insight; let not the one who is mighty and powerful boast in his strength; let not the one who is rich boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] abundance; but let the one who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me [and acknowledges Me and honors Me as God and recognizes without any doubt], that I am the Lord who practices lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on the earth, for in these things I delight," says the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24 AMP

"The story of Christmas is Immanuel, God with us. Christmas is Jesus coming to show us what God is like." – Dwight Mason

"You can have much information about God without knowing God. Until you accept what Jesus said about Himself, nothing else will make sense." – Dwight Mason

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You can know a lot about a person without knowing them. You can know a great deal about God without knowing Him. In either case, to cross the line to real intimate knowledge, you must spend time together and start dealing with intimate real-life issues. How have you done that with God? The definition of life is knowing God – it is for what you are created and designed. How could you share with a seeker how your life, purpose, and satisfaction changed since truly knowing God? One of the main objections to committing to this very personal relationship with God is that commitment equals loss of control. How? Discuss. What is hard and often offensive about Jesus's claim that He IS and must be the Way and the Truth, to be the Life? Where do you most struggle? Our faith can be intellectual, emotional, or volitional – to be what is necessary we must have all three. Where are you right now? Are you knowing God more deeply? If not, what is in the way?

ACTION STEP

Nothing is more important than my relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. I will grow intimacy with Him by _____