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- Adopted:**
- Bought:**
- Sustained:**

FAMILY DUTIES: We have to...

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Understand how **Dad sees me.**

1 John 3:1, John 1:12, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:14-19, Romans 5:8

Love those who **Dad has adopted.**

1 John 2:3-6, 4:20-21, John 13:35, 15:12, Matthew 5:23-24

FAMILY BENEFITS: We get to...

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Have confidence in **our eternal home.**

Romans 8:17, 1 John 3:28, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:15-25

Come to Dad **without fear.**

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TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study is there anything that comes to mind about God that you need to fear less? ... fear more?

2. Is there anything specific you would like prayer for that you sense the Holy Spirit is working on to change you from the inside out?

Study Series: 1 John
John's *Handy Dandy* Spiritual Lie Detector Booklet
10 Questions that Separate *Spiritual Posers* from the Real Deal
Message #8 (1 John 4:7-21)

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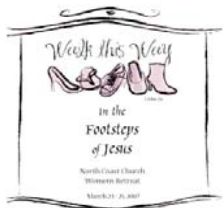
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WOMEN'S RETREAT - March 23-25, 2007

Join us at Calvary Chapel Conference Center in Murrieta for the North Coast Church Women's Retreat. Our speaker will be Jilane Hawkins, a dynamic presenter who uses drama to bring to life the color, passion, action and, most importantly, the truth of Scripture. A weekend like this can create

great connections with new friends or a Growth Group. You are able to receive a \$10 discount per person with the Fill-Up-A-Room Discount, if you turn in 6 registration forms together with the deposits. You can register online with a Visa or Mastercard or fill out a registration form and drop it off with a deposit at the church office, the women's retreat booth during weekend services or mail it in. Check out the Web site:

www.northcoastchurch.com/womens_ministry/womens_retreat.htm

Growth Group Homework

For the week of February 25, 2007

This week we heard how God has taken the first step to love us. Was there a certain verse, statement or point from this week's teaching that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Can you remember one of the first times you recognized that God loves you unconditionally?

2. When it comes to *Family Duties*, as mentioned in this week's teaching, which do you think comes easier for you?

... understanding how Dad sees me

or

... loving those who Dad has adopted

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we heard that one of the benefits of being in God's family is that we need not fear God's coming judgment because of His love for us. Yet, as you look through Scripture you can see also that the "fear of God" is an essential piece to a healthy relationship with Him. What do the following verses reveal about the fear of God and the role it has in our lives?

Exodus 20:18-20

Psalm 111:10

Proverbs 8:13

Isaiah 33:5-6

How would you explain what it means to have a healthy fear of God to a co-worker or a friend?

2. Balancing a healthy fear of God while still being confident to come before Him can be a bit difficult to understand and know how to put into practice. Looking at how another person handles it often helps. As you read David's prayer in Psalm 86, jot down how he describes God and what he requests of God.

Descriptions of God	Requests of God

How might David's perspective and response to God in this Psalm help balance a healthy fear of God and the confidence to come before Him?

3. Satan would love to keep us from having the confidence of moving toward God. How does Romans 5:1-5 help us remain confident and experience God's love?

Which of the following strategies might the enemy use to keep us from experiencing the love of God we're given through the Holy Spirit?

- Life is just too hard ("woe is me" syndrome)
- I can't be that vulnerable with God, I'm not sure if He will accept me
- A hurt or wound from others
- Other