## A black background with blue text  Description automatically generated**Loving Presence**

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**Happy Father’s Day C3 family!** God the Father is ever-present, always listening, and full of self-giving love. Since we are created in His image, we have the ability, through the gentle presence of the Holy Spirit, to become like Him and even parent like him. We need fathers who will be present as God is present, listen as God listens, and offer themselves in self-giving love to their family.

**Scriptures:**  Genesis 1:27, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Colossians 3:10, Ephesians 6:4, Philippians 4:6, Exodus 22:22-23, James 1:19-27, 1 John 4:7-19

1. **A loving and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ father is important because God instructs fathers to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their home.**

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2**so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.  Deuteronomy 6:1-2

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ need to be present as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is present.**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you” Deuteronomy 31:6

1. **One practice of being present is to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

19My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20**because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.  James 1: 19-27

**4. Fathers need to love as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**7**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

**Summary and Application:**

1. What area do you need to improve in to be the father that God has called you to be?
2. What biblical & practical support do you need from our C3 leaders to be father? Talk to Pastor Michael about it.
3. God has called you to be the spiritual leader of your home! He will equip you and provide if you seek Him with all your heart!