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"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given... and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

Jesus gives us belonging that never runs out or moves away.

"And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6

- The Father who never ends

 Avi = "My Father." A close, relational, deeply personal word like "Abba."

 Ad = "Everlasting." Without expiration. Infinite. Unchanging.
 - 1. What does it mean to you that God is your Forever Father?
 - 2. What attributes of a father do you need most in your life?
- Jesus as the Forever Father John 10:28
 Jesus embodies all the attributes of God the Father
 - 3. How have you experienced Jesus as the Forever Father?

4. Do you need to experience Jesus as Forever Father in a particular area of your life?

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me." Isaiah 49:15-16

- The promise of God's fatherhood is a forever promise
 - 5. Have you experienced a broken promise by an earthly father figure? What was your response?
 - 6. What encouragement/comfort can you take from Isaiah 49?
- Our Forever Father stays the same even when life shifts. Hebrews 13:8
 - - Maybe your relationship status changed this year.
 - Maybe someone you trusted walked out.
 - Maybe your faith feels like it is flickering more than it is shining.
 - 7. What life shift have you experienced this past year?
 - 8. How has Jesus been a Father to you in your life shift?
 - 9. How can you let Jesus be your Forever Father in your current life situation?

We trade in relationships that leave, but Jesus trades His life so you could stay - forever family.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being my Everlasting Father—the One who never quits on me. When people drift and life shifts, You stay. Teach me to rest in that kind of security. Help me live this week as someone who truly belongs. Amen.