

Jesus Christ surrendered His all knowing knowledge and power as God to serve the Father. The Father is the ultimate “planner”, the “designer” of the Heavens and Earth and all creation. It is only the Father who knows when Jesus will return to this earth and gather His church from this world.

- Acts 1:7           And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
- Matt 20:23        So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father.”
- Matt 20:28        just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- Acts 17:31        because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
- Rom 8:15          For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
- Rom 8:28          And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.
- Matt 24:36        But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

**Discussion Item 1:** *When have you cried out “Abba Father” in a time of desperation as a final safe place?*

**Discussion Item 2:** *How do you seek out the Father as the ultimate “designer” of your life?*

**Life Application:** *In your prayers, look for God the Father’s answer to a problem with the principle that He is the designer of your life and wants to help. He always has the best solution because He knows the facts better than we do.*

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**Helpful Definition:**

Abba - Father; religious superior; the Greek equivalent, which is translated “father”. It is a term expressing warm affection and filial confidence. It has no perfect equivalent in our language. (*Webster*)

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**Notes:**

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**Proverb 30:5** Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

**Psalms 89:26** He shall cry to Me, ‘You *are* my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’