

**SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
**FEBRUARY 11-12, 2012**  
**JESUS THE SON**



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5. Read Matthew 6:25-27, 7:9-11, and John 3:16. How would you describe the Father’s heart towards you? When is it most hard to believe this? What impact would trusting that the Father really cares about you have on you?
6. Do you believe you deserve to hear our Heavenly Father say to you: “I love you and am well pleased with you”? Why or why not? What role does grace play in God speaking those words to us?
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