

**SURRENDER**



Why is God **Good**?  
Simply put, it's **who He is**  
(it's His character)

Matthew 7:7-12



Jesus explains the  
**goodness of God** in a very  
tangible illustration  
(a father/son relationship)



Both the **stone** and the **snake**  
mock hunger and didn't fix  
or address the real issue  
(the child remained **hungry**)



Our Heavenly Father knows  
**our needs** and because He's  
good, beyond our  
**comprehension** good, He  
wants to meet those needs

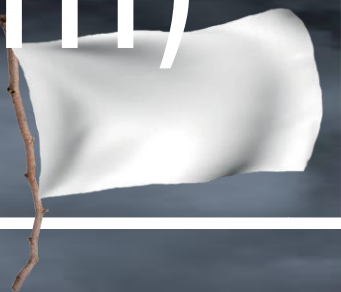


A white, slightly wrinkled banner is attached to a light brown wooden stick on the left side. The banner is set against a dark, textured background. The text on the banner is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in two lines. The first line reads "GOOD, GOOD" and the second line reads "FATHER".

**GOOD, GOOD  
FATHER**

# Matthew 7:7-8

Our Heavenly Father is inviting  
us, **His children**, to come to  
Him and ask (we need to make  
**our requests** known to Him)



# Matthew 7:9-10

Our Heavenly Father **ONLY**  
gives us what is **best for us**  
(He desperately loves us  
and is **always good**)





Our Heavenly Father,  
who's **perfect** and knows  
**everything**, doesn't always  
say 'Yes'

Matthew 7:9-11



Do you honestly **believe**  
that God always has your  
**best** interest at heart?



If that's NOT our starting  
premise, then we will attempt  
to **scrutinize God** and put  
Him under a microscope



# Matthew 7:12

“Therefore” = **connects** this **truth** to the rest of the passage




It means that in order for  
us to **treat others** the way  
we'd like to **treated**, we  
need to know and embrace  
God's goodness



Many others were using  
the **Golden Rule**, only in  
the negative form

A very popular teaching during  
Jesus' time by Rabbi Hillel –  
“What is hateful to you, **do NOT**  
**do** to your fellow creatures.”



# CHALLENGE

