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Suppose a father and his daughter go for a walk in the park. After walking for hours, the little girl is too tired to go any further. What should the father do? Well, if he's a good father, he will realize that his daughter is weak and needs help. Because he loves his daughter, he might even pick her up and carry her in his arms. (Just like the picture on the front of this page!)

This verse gives us a picture of how God treats us. God created us for his glory and we belong to God. But we don't always love and obey God the way we should. That's called sin. Sin makes God angry. But rather than turning away from us in anger and ignoring us forever, God is understanding. He has compassion on those who fear (honor) him. He remembers that we are weak and he is patient and kind toward us; just like a good father.

Go back and review Psalm 103:1-12. See if you can answer these questions:

1. What is God like? *(Look at verse 8)*
2. Does God get angry with us when we sin? *(Look at verse 9)*
3. Why doesn't God "treat us as our sins deserve"? *(What did Jesus do for us?)*
4. How big is God's love for us? *(Look at verse 11)*
5. How should we respond to our compassionate, understanding God? *(see verses 1-2, 18, & 20-22)*