

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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It's another holiday: **Father's Day**. Not as big a deal as Mother's Day. Not as important as Memorial Day or Independence Day or Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, so it's somewhere down the list in valuation. Maybe it ranks even with New Year's Day?

Wait a minute! How can Father's Day not be equal to Mother's Day? Birth takes both – you really have to have a father. Moms can't say, "**Wait until your father gets home!**" if fathers don't matter. All countries' militaries are filled with young men, fathers and grandfathers, right? That isn't a shot at female soldiers or pilots, or drones and robots. It's just the simple truth. Women love sports and even have pro leagues, but none of them match the interest of Major League Baseball, or the NFL or the NBA or the FIFA world soccer.

So, **why is Mother's Day such a big deal and Father's Day not so much?** That is a huge question, too large for this conversation. But since we're at Father's Day, can we agree that, even dimmed in value, Father's Day stands out. **That's because fathers set examples in the workplace and at home.** They set the tone for consistency and dependability, getting up and going to work every day even if they don't really like their jobs. They work second jobs to help pay the mortgage and take the family on vacation. They coach little league and drive their children to martial arts practices. They teach their children to drive and usually buy them their first car. They don't complain about their insurance rates when... well, you know.

And we're not even talking about boyfriends, are we? **Fathers love their children and sacrifice to prove it.** Does that sound like Someone Else we know? Happy Father's Day! Psalm 103:13:

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Happy Father's Day!

June 15th, 2025



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

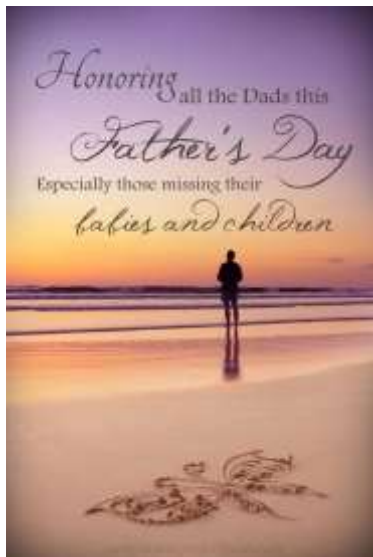
SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

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SERMON NOTES

JESUS' FATHER

TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15; 2:19-23; Psalm 27:10

I. A _____ MAN

A. TOWARDS _____ – Matthew 1:19

It's based on a real _____.

We must love our wives _____!

B. TOWARDS _____

He _____ the one that the rest of the world would _____ . 1 Timothy 5:8

II. A _____ MAN

A. HE WAS A MAN WHO _____ GOD

He explicitly _____ the Lord's leading and direction.

B. HE WAS A MAN OF _____.

A father's _____ will _____ to their children!

Joseph was _____ on God.

C. HE WAS A MAN WHO WAS _____ IN SPIRITUAL _____ – Luke 2:41

He was _____ in going to God's house.

Children _____ our faithfulness and _____ it.

III. A _____ MAN

Joseph lived as one who _____ the _____.

He _____ them in the nurture and the _____ of the Lord.

_____ our families at every opportunity; setting an _____; providing for their needs.