

# Father's Day

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## 1. Definition of Father

A man who brings up and looks after a child,

To act toward a child, especially giving advice, comfort, and protection.

## 2. Some others thoughts on Fatherhood,

Sigmund Freud said "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."

Charles Wadsworth said "By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

English Proverb is "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

On a lighter side, Bill Cosby said "If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right."

Bill Cosby on what his father used to tell him.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out. It doesn't make no difference to me. I'll just make another one like you."--

Confucius said "The father who does not teach his children their duties is equally guilty with the child who neglects them?"

## 3. Let's imagine for a moment, if you could travel thru time, who would you want as a father?

### 1. Maybe a Sports legend like,

- i. Babe Ruth
- ii. Mickey Mantle
- iii. John Elway
- iv. Johnny Unitas
- v. Michael Jordon

### 2. Maybe an Adventurers like,

- i. John Glenn

- ii. Neil Armstrong
- iii. Christopher Columbus
- iv. Daniel Boone
- v. Wyatt Earp

3. Maybe a Show Business personality like,

- i. John Wayne
- ii. Shan Connery
- iii. Tim Allen
- iv. Jacky Gleason
- v. Bill Cosby

4. Maybe a Political Icon like,

- i. Ronald Regan
- ii. Abe Lincoln
- iii. Teddy Roosevelt
- iv. John Kennedy

5. Maybe a Business legend like,

- i. Donald Trump
- ii. Bill Gates
- iii. Henry Ford
- iv. Sam Walton

6. Maybe a Military hero's like,

- i. Ulysses S Grant
- ii. Norman Schwarzkopf
- iii. George Patton
- iv. George Washington

7. Maybe a famous Writers like,

- i. Ian Fleming
- ii. Mark Twain
- iii. William Shakespeare

4. Some fathers in the Bible

You may or may not remember but I am sure you have seen or experienced the story telling factor between a father and a son or even between a grandfather and grandson.

The wide eyed, riveted concentration on the side of the child and the true natured embellishment on the side of the father or grandfather.

Christians may have some other fathers of interest that some people may not think about.

How about having a father like Peter?

To have him narrate with such detail that day on Pentecost giving his first sermon.

How about having a father like Paul?

To listen to him tell of his journeys around to areas around the Great Sea.

How about having a father like Matthew or Luke?

To have them relay first hand accounts of Jesus and His miracles and of the beginnings of the Church.

How about having a father like John?

To listen to him recount his writing of Revelation.

How about having a father like Jonah?

To listen to him describe his journey to Nineveh, spending three days inside a great fish.

How about having a father like Joseph?

To have him relate first his young childhood.

How he was almost murdered at the hands of his brothers and being sold for slavery into Egypt by his jealous brothers.

Then to have him describe how he was elevated to the position next to Pharaoh.

And then the story of his reunion with his father and family.

How about having a father like Job?

To listen to him recount his assertions of innocence under his suffering situation and of his confidence in God and his final vindication.

But I think of one in particular father and a particular man of faith.

In Genesis we read of this particular father.

The man before he became a father had to first give up country and family.

**Slide** - Genesis 12:1

“Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.”

He had to secondly break off with his nephew Lot,

**Slide** - Genesis 13:6

“Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.”

He had to thirdly abandon his own cherished plans for his son Ishmael,

**Slide** - Genesis 21:11

“And the matter was very displeasing (distressing) in Abraham’s sight because of his son.”

And then fourthly the supreme test of a father to,

with faith, willingly offer up his son, “his only son, Isaac”, whom he had waited thru time for, whom he loved passionately and in whom all his expectations centered.

**Slide** - Hebrews 11:17 we read,

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son”

**Slide** - When we read Genesis 22:1-3,

“Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

**Slide** - Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

**Slide** - So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.”

Do you see anything, between verse 2 and 3?

We do not read anything about Abraham questioning God’s request or recounting to God about the promise as though God needed to be reminded or pleading with God in regards to this is my only son or even just refusing to follow God’s command.

Do you think that Abraham thought nothing about it?

Visualize yourself in Abrahams shoes at this time.

Take into consideration of the time you have waited for this child, besides what a child is to a father or parent.

Some have made statements like,

“We have not only lost our child, but also the part of us that they represent.

We have lost the future that we would have made together.

It is the vision of being together in the future as we were in the past.”

Has anything on Isaac’s part been done to warrant such action?

Does Abraham realize the loss? Do you?

Back to our visualization,

You bind your son and lay him on the altar.

**Slide** - You raise your knife as Genesis 22 verse 10 says,

“And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.”

There is true intent here or would it state otherwise as though Abraham was kind waiting for God to step in so he would not have to go thru with it.

I do not believe the text would say “to slay his son”

**Slide** - Genesis 22 verse 11 says, “But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or

do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me.”

**Slide** - Now if I could continue on directing your visualization to another Son, in Psalm 2:7

“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’”

**Slide** - And in Hebrews 1:5

“For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”?”

Again, take into consideration of the time you have waited for this child,

Besides what a child is to a father.

Your Son is turned over to the authorities to be mocked and scourged for nothing that He has done.

He bears his cross to the place they are to kill Him.

They lay down the cross and lay Him on it.

They tie down your arms with rope so He can not move them and then they hold the nail in one of His palms and raise the hammer to drive the nail thru,,,,,,

There is no angel calling out “Wait, wait do nothing to Him”

**Slide** - Psalm 22:1-2

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?* O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear”

**Slide** - Mark 15:37-38 “And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

The deed is done, the sacrifice is made.

**Slide** - Why? 1 John 4:10

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”

The curtain or veil (our sins) that once separated us from a Holy God has been torn in two from the top to down.

**Slide** - 1 John 3:1 we read,

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

We are no longer His enemies, but have an open invitation to become His children!

**Slide** - 1 John 3:16 we read,

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.”

The truth is that it was the Father who sent Jesus to the world in the first place so that we might be fully reconciled to His heart.

And Jesus came willingly in order that He might provide the way for us to come home to His Father

It is one thing to say the words "I love you",

and it is quite another thing to prove your love.

God did not only say that He loved us, He demonstrated it by sending us His only Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Father did everything that He could possibly do to prove His unwavering love towards us when He sent us Jesus.

Do we struggle sometimes to believe that God, our Father, really does love us?

Maybe you have heard these expressions

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around.

But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.--

Mark Twain

"My father was an amazing man. The older I got, the smarter he got." Mark Twain:

When we struggle to believe that God loves us, as an adolescent, we need not go any farther than the cross to see the full expression of His love.

When your feelings question God's love for you, let faith rise up in your heart and thank your

Father for His complete expression of love demonstrated in the work of the cross of His Son, Jesus Christ.

William Shakespeare said "It is a wise father that knows his own child."

What does God, our father know of us?

**Slide** - Let read what David says in Psalm 139:1-6

Psalm 139:1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You understand my thought afar off.

<sup>3</sup>You comprehend my path and my lying down,

And are acquainted with all my ways.

**Slide** -<sup>4</sup>For *there is* not a word on my tongue,  
*But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You have hedged me behind and before,

And laid Your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me;

It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

We had only one son...

My wife still reminds me that when I visited her after the birth of each of our five children, and brought her a gift, none could match the clock-radio I presented her upon the birth of our son - our only son.

David was the middle child with two older and two younger sisters.

From the time he was a child he demonstrated seemingly tireless intensity in the things he attempted.

Fulfillment came twenty-four years later upon graduation from the [Police Academy](#) in Waterville, Maine.

David endeavored to please his dad and struggled with a vocation choice - thinking he might not please his dad if he didn't become a pastor or missionary himself.

If law enforcement was God's will for his life, the encouragement from dad was for him to become the best police officer possible in Lewiston, Maine... and he was, but only for two years.

On July 23, 1988 just before 3:00 p.m.

Just a month before his twenty-seventh birthday, on a hot, humid Saturday afternoon, David's life on earth came to abrupt close - ambushed and gunned down by Joseph Loveall who had a criminal history that dates back to 1961 someone he was trying to help when Joseph Loveall was reported to had an auto accident. He ran off the road into a wooded area.

Joseph Loveall spent time in California juvenile correctional facilities, and in his adult years spent time in at least five different California adult correctional facilities, as well as other correctional facilities in Florida and Maine.

Loveall's numerous convictions over the years were for crimes such as Robbery, Burglary, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Battery on a Police Officer.

Joseph Loveall shot Officer David Payne twice with a .44 caliber handgun, one shot entering his right side by the 11th rib and exiting on the left side by the 12th rib. The second shot was higher up, having entered on the left side by the 9th rib and piercing his aorta.

The tears of family and friends, including those of a young widow and two small children, cannot change what has transpired, but David did leave a legacy that is irreplaceable.

What do you think of Joseph Loveall?

The David Payne Story is one on a father, and of a son, like many other fathers and sons who gave their lives because of sick twisted people like Joseph Loveall.

But to a Holy God we are all look like Joseph Loveall, sick and twisted.

And so, the ultimate sacrifice of an unspotted Lamb of God had to be made.

**Slide** -John 1:39 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

We can look at this story and 1000s others and say what a shame  
but when It comes to the lamb of God, you fill in the blank.

I would not want to face God and say sorry about what happened to your Son.

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