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The Security of a Father *Happy Father's Day!*

Deuteronomy 1: 29-31 NIV ²⁹ Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. ³⁰ The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”

We honor and thank God for the wonderful dads in our lives!

Dads we know the great responsibility you shoulder to protect and care for your families, although maybe not fully. We know you silently soldier on to ensure your family is safe and you bravely go to the front lines of conflict to fight for your family.

Dads your loving, faithful presence speaks volumes. You are an anchor for our families, a shelter from the storm and a strong tower for us to feel secure in. We thank God for you and your faithful love and guiding hand in our lives. Being a man who humbly serves the Lord and imparts God's Truth to his children is the greatest gift a dad can give. God bless you dads and grandpas!

For those who are missing their wonderful fathers, may their teaching and legacy live on in your heart. May you hear their words of wisdom echo in your ears and feel their loving presence near you in your time of need.

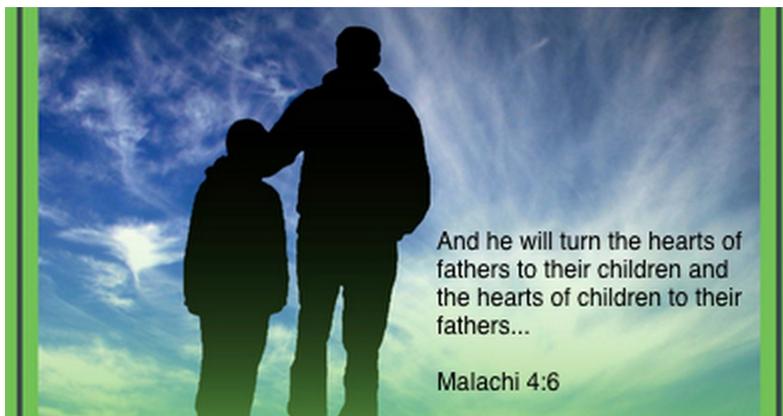
For those did not have a loving earthly father, may these words in Scripture mend your hearts and fill you with the eternal love of a Father who will always go before you and fight for you-even now as you trust in Him. He will carry you and ensure you safely enter the promised land and He will be there waiting for you with arms wide open. Run into the loving arms of Your Heavenly Father who delights in you! We give great thanks for God the Father-who pours out His love upon His children and showers them in His grace. Thank You Lord!

Deuteronomy 1:31

*There you saw
how the Lord your
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his son,*

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And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers...

Malachi 4:6



Love First. Love Always.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

In a time of great social unrest let us remember and demonstrate this command, which is the essence of the Gospel message

Let us love each other deeply.

We can be quick to choose sides we stand with or point fingers on where the blame lies. We can turn a deaf ear to the cries of injustice. We can hide our head in the sand and hope all the chaos just goes away.

Or ...we can choose to love one another deeply and shine light into the darkness that looms. We can choose love as our response. We can choose love as our action. We can choose love to understand and to build up.

When Peter cut off the ear of one soldier who came to arrest Jesus, he was rebuked by Jesus who said, **“If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword.”** When Jesus was dying on the cross after having been brutally tortured, He cried out to the Father as he looked upon those who caused His great hurt and unjust treatment saying, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

Jesus chose love over hate, violence or revenge. He knows the only way to overcome hate is through divine love that is pure. He knows the only way to cast out darkness is by shining the light of righteousness on it.

There are real hurts on all sides in our nation, this we all know. When you are hurting, what do you long to receive from others? To be seen, to be heard, to be understood and to be loved. Keeping love first and always before we act and before we respond will always be the right choice. Let us be the ones to choose love first and *love always*.

Celebrating

June Birthdays

Sarinity Pendleton	June 1
Cindy Keunzli	June 21
Nate Clark	June 21
Peggy Moll	June 22
PJ Monson	June 26
Pam Price	June 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Connie and Don Hessler	June 3
Sandy and Keith Ebert	June 4
Sam and Skyler Hawley	June 27

Please let Pastor Karrie know if we missed your special days so we can add them to our database. We have grown in our families and members so let us know who we need to add! Thank you!



Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

A small group of men from Living Gospel Church have started gathering for fellowship and to study God's Word, using Zoom as an online platform.

They have been successfully gathering and connecting for over a month now following Sunday messages and the conversations have been powerful.

This time of gathering together as men of God is so powerful and so important to encourage men in their faith. This group is open to all men, even those who don't attend our church but want to connect with other godly men.

A new study is beginning and men, YOU are invited to join in! They are also changing their time to meet at 8 am on Sundays now, still on Zoom for now.

Step outside your comfort zone, join in the group and dive deeper into God's Word, together, as men of God.

Please contact Pat Graham so he can send you an invite to join the online group.
608 697-9018.

Proverbs 27:17 NASB

***Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens
another.***



Called to be Counter Cultural

1 Peter 2: 9-12 NIV But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

At last year's national IMA conference one pastor shared "the Church is not to follow the culture of the world, but the Church is to set the culture for the world to follow." Think about that for a moment. **We, the Church, are given authority by God, through Jesus, to set the culture for all of humanity to follow.**

There is only one standard of righteousness and one measure of what is good, pure and holy. That comes through the Word that is breathed out by God Almighty and taught to us through His Holy Spirit. **Every other standard the world tries to live by will fall short.**

We can look around and know the Church has not been 100% successful in creating the culture Jesus began and entrusted to His church to carry forth.

Why haven't we done this, after all these years? I believe collectively, we haven't fully received the power given to us by God or lived in a way to consistently demonstrate that power. Keep in mind while Jesus turned every part of culture on its head in His ministry, His power flowed through divine love. Everything He did was from a place of love for God and love for humanity. It was not for selfish gain. He did not avoid the hard things because it would go against the grain. **He made a new path;** one that is focused on doing God's will, showing genuine love for others and striving for unity through the bond of peace. This new path would be a life of servanthood to God first and others. **We the Church are called to continue His mission!** Let us do our part to set the culture around us.

Coming Events:

Monday June 15th– Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am via Google Hangouts. Let me know who wants to be part of this time of prayer and we'll add you to our Google Hangout group.

There is Freedom in the Spirit! Join or Start a Small Group and Be Strengthened in the Spirit in These Days. *Connect online!*

We are posting weekly Study Questions on our website under each sermon so it makes it easy to connect and engage in discussion with others.

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm Adult Study and Fellowship on Google Hangouts.

Search for Living Gospel Bible Study or let Pastor Karrie know and she will send an invite.

Sundays: 8 am Men's Study and fellowship via Zoom. Contact Pat Graham to join and connect with the men of Living Gospel! *New study starting!* 608 697-9018.

May God Abundantly Bless You and Your Families in These Days as You Draw Closer to Him!

Let us not neglect coming together in fellowship and in the teaching of His Word, but let us do so all the more.

Encouragement is Just a Phone Call or Message Away

We can still visit to encourage each other via the phone or online. I am also happy to meet one on one if you wish to pray together. If you are struggling please reach out and let's talk. **I am here for you-always.**

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