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A Father's Abiding Love

You love deeply and with great sacrifice to provide for and care for your family. You are given a tremendous responsibility to demonstrate an honoring and edifying love to your wife and the mother of your children. Your children watch your actions and listen to your words. They see when you are firm and when you are gentle. They watch as you humbly seek the will of the Lord in your life. They listen as you speak with kindness and grace, extending mercy and forgiveness to others. *Your example* speaks loudly and so is very necessary in your children's lives. We exhort you and encourage you to continue to be strong fathers and grandfathers; to walk humbly in the ways of the Lord; and to remember God is with you *always*.

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Remember you were never meant to carry this burden alone. No matter how difficult or painful the season might be, always love your children. Whatever their age, as God loves you, so shall your love be ever present, faithful, patient and quick to forgive. You were created in God's image, *the image of your Father*, and designed to be filled with His Presence to flow through. Cease striving and let His perfect love flow from you to your children. There is no greater example and support you'll ever find, than in your Heavenly Father who loves you with an abiding love.

What an honor and privilege it is to be called "Dad". What a blessing you are to your children, and to our world around us as your faithful actions share the love of God. God bless the father who walks in the ways of the Lord!



Jeremiah 17:7
NKJV

*“Blessed is the
man who trusts in
the LORD,
And whose hope is
the LORD.*

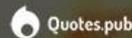
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The promise of the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit, reintroduces us to the original purpose for humanity—a people suited to carry the fullness of God on earth.

—Bill Johnson



Primary Role of a Believer— Stewarding the Presence of the Holy Spirit

**Acts 2:17 NKJV ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.**

Our greatest honor and our primary role we hold in life is to host the Presence of the Living God. This means to develop an ever increasing awareness of His Spirit within us and to yield to Him, letting His Spirit manifest in and through us.

Everything else we do in life funnels up under this command given to us from Jesus: **4 Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (John 15:4 NKJV)

We host Jesus through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We remain tuned to Him, His purposes and His directing. We release His Presence into the world around us as the Spirit freely flows through us. In cooperating with God and His purposes, we literally are part of changing destinies as the Spirit moves through us.

There is nothing ordinary or insignificant about a life lived in cooperating with God to accomplish His purposes.

Author and pastor Bill Johnson wrote, *“One of the mysteries of life is that a primary role of a believer is the stewardship of a person, the Abiding Presence, who is the Holy Spirit—the dove that remains. He is a person, not an it. When we reduce the joy of knowing God to the principles that bring breakthrough, we cheapen the journey. Those who desire principles above Presence seek a kingdom without a king.”*

Let us understand and embrace our primary role in life, which is to be receptive stewards to the Presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us always welcome Him openly in our hearts and to flow through our lives. Let us joyfully cooperate with all God wants to do in and through us, changing the destiny for many. Let us seek the Presence of our King!

All glory and praise be to God who changes our destiny!

Celebrating June Birthdays

Sarinity Pendleton	June 1
Cindy Keunzli	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



A Return to Summer Picnics!

***Praise the Lord that we
can gather once more!***

***Who would love to host
one of our picnics this
year?***

*We are so excited to gather
as the Body once again!
Our gatherings are the first
Sunday each month and we
are looking for volunteers
to host our July, August
and September picnics
following service.*

*If you are newer, these are
potluck fashion so you do
not need to provide all the
food. Many of us bring
something including extra
chairs as needed.*

*It's a wonderful time of
fellowship and enjoying the
warmer summer days! We
hope many of you can join
in all or some of these pic-
nics.*

***Please let Pastor Karrie
know if you would like
to host and which
month you will be
hosting.***

Thank you!



Against All Hope, Let Us Believe

Romans 4:18 NIV ¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. (Romans 4:19)

In looking at his physical body and age, Abraham knew there was no way he could father a child, nor could his aging wife. And yet because God Almighty spoke this promise over him, **Abraham believed by faith**, it would come to be.

This is what we are called to do, believe in hope, for all that Jesus is and what God has promised. We are to hold on to hope that is not caught up in what we see, but is firmly rooted in what has been spoken by our Living God. God was building a great faith in Abraham to believe when everything was telling him, this is impossible. *Believe and have faith!* This is God’s desire for all His children.

Are you walking through great trials right now? Do they seem too big to overcome? Does something seem impossible?

Let this be a time of deepening your faith in who God is to you. Stand firm through times of great testing.

Our God is ever faithful and His promises are true. Against all hope, believe in the One who is for you. Believe in the One who gave His life for you and redeemed you. He did this not so you can perish, but so you can live fully in Him!

George Mueller said, *“The only way to know strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm through severe testings.”*

Let us live as people of faith and stand firm.

Coming Events

Sunday, June 20th Special Father's Day Service. Please join us and let's honor our fathers.

Monday, June 21 Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am at church. Outside if it's nice!

Go Forth in My Spirit— *Connect with a small group.*

Real Moms. Real Jesus. Once per month. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and online meeting space. Join in any time! *You are welcome!*

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm Adult Study and Fellowship—*Meeting in person again!* Join in the conversations and grow closer to God.

Small groups take our relationships with God and others to a deeper level.

Zechariah 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

May the peace of Christ flow through you in every situation.

Let Us Encourage One Another

Let us purpose to connect and encourage one another. Let us pray together. Let us build one another up in the faith. **Let us be in the habit of coming together. I am here for you.**

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