ALWAYS BE MY DAD

Father's Day Celebration "[THE FATHER] KEPT HIM AS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE." - DEUTERONOMY 32:10 -

ALWAYS KIND
ALWAYS LOVE
ALWAYS CARING





1 John 3:1a NASB

See how **great** a **love** the **Father** has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

Malachi 4:6 ESV

And he will **turn** the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

The Importance of a Father in a Child's Life:

Anyone can father a child, but being a dad takes a lifetime.



Types of Challenging Fathers

- 1. Absentee / Weekend / "Outsourcing" Father
- 2. Authoritarian / Democratic Father
- 3. Traditional / Silent / "Friendship" Father
- 4. "Kiasu" / Overbearing Father
- 5. Reactive Father

The Challenges of Fathers in the Modern World

- 1. The fear of our children.
- 2. The lowering of standards.
- 3. The loss of a village/community.
- 4. The invasion of shortcut parenting/fatherhood.
- 5. The prioritizing of children over adults.

Father God



Why do Christians call God "Father God"?

Matthew 6:9 ESV ⁶ "...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Romans 8:17 ESV ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Why do Christians call God "Father God"?

John 1:12 ESV ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 3:16 God is a perfect father who loves you with perfect love.

To remind us that He truly loves us...

Loving – See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **1 John 3:1a NIV**

Kind – ⁷ So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:7-8 NASB**

Compassionate – ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. **Psalm 103:8 NIV**

Giving – ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 NIV**

Faithful – ²² The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22-23 NASB**

Merciful – ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV**

Strong – ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. **Psalm 24:8 NIV**

Forgiving – ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 NIV

Good – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. **Psalm 136:1 NIV**

Righteous – ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. **Psalm 145:17 NIV**

Caring – ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **Matthew 6:26 NIV**

Sovereign – ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. **Psalm 103:19 NIV**

Shepherd – The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **Psalm 23:1-3 NASB**

Ever-Present – God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **Psalm 46:1 NIV**

Refuge – He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." **Psalm 91:1-2 ESV**

Gracious – ⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **Psalm 116:5 NIV**

Healer - 26 "...for I am the LORD, who heals you." Exodus 15:26 NIV

Powerful – ¹¹ "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone." **1 Chronicles 29:11-12 NASB**

Savior – ¹⁷ "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." **Zephaniah 3:17 NIV**

Helper – ¹⁰ "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." **Isaiah 41:10 NIV**

Renewer – ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5 NIV

Fathers

Our children do not need a perfect father but a father that will always be there!

Abraham Lincoln once said,
"I have often been driven to my knees by the conviction that there was no other place to go."

Fathers, being the head of the family, at times, will be driven to their knees because there is no other place to go.

PRAY



We are not perfect fathers but we can be fathers that reach out to our children's hearts and walk with their hearts for the rest of their lives: Our children need to know that they will never walk alone; A dad that is ALWAYS there for them!

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