



MESSAGE NOTES

The Best Father

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Fathers have a big influence on the future of others.

1. We all can have the best father.

When talking about Father's Day we often feel we shouldn't talk about it with kids who's father isn't around - an absentee father. Well, I assure you that each child can choose to have the best father there could ever be.

John 1:12-13 "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

2. Your Heavenly Father

2 **Corinthians 6:18** (NIV) And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

You can choose to be influenced by your Heavenly Father. There is no need to stay chained to the bad father image you had.

God wants to take your broken pieces and make a wonderful one-of-a-kind treasure out of them.

3. The Father Heart of God

Read: Deuteronomy 10:18 and Ephesians 1:3

It's amazing that we can call God our Father. The model prayer that Jesus gave us starts out with calling God. "Our Father".

The Lord's Prayer **Matthew 6:9-15**

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Jesus takes the time to explain the importance of forgiveness is when talking to our Heavenly Father.

As we honor fathers today please pray for them. Also pray for those in our church family who may have difficult or broken relationships with their father.

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Honor you father and mother" - which is the first commandment with a promise.

Happy Father's Day