

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

The Ideal Father

Theme Passage

Luke 15:11-32

Thoughts to consider:

- 1) How has God acted as a Father with you?
- 2) Do you think of yourself as part of God's family?
- 3) Do you believe God will love and embrace you no matter the sins you commit?

June Challenge: Select one Bible story/passage/set of verses and read it, listen to it, and meditate on it every day

Reflections On The Ladies Retreat

For me, this year's ladies retreat in a word could be - connection. Connection with God in worship around the campfire and connecting with His "nature" on the nature walk. Connection with women and the Spirit within them, as they share their hearts and what God has shared with them, during devos and testimonials. And connection with women I rarely get to talk to, whether it was during small group discussions or hanging out with my fellow night owls.

Our fast-paced society is focused on connection too, but instead, it often distracts us from connecting with what is right in front of us. I enjoy the ladies retreat because it's a great opportunity to live in the moment with God, which is where I can find His true presence.

Thank you to each woman who willingly gave your time, energy and skill (all gifts from God!) to allow us the opportunity to make these connections. Thank you to all of the women who came and participated.

- Emily Graham

Calendar

June

- 16 Father's Day
- 22 Set Up Day For VBS
- 24-27 Vacation Bible School
- 31 Services At Willow Brook
- 31 Area Wide Worship At Alum Creek

July

- 3 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Single Sisters Lunch
- 14-20 Camp Week At Fort Hill

Congratulations - Gloria Kyeremateng and Franklin Agyei are the proud parents of a baby girl. Ariella was born June 9th and weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

For The Month of June

Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans

Foyer Duty: Jack Evans

Greeters:

Announcements: Mike Evans

Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Bill Chavis	Glenn Culler
David Estep	Gary McMasters
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4308	\$5358
Designated:	\$152	\$188

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Happy Father's Day

Simple Goals

Although I'm sure I have many wonderful qualities, my wife Hilary will be the first to tell you that I've got issues (many), specifically in regards to remembering anything in detail about my childhood. She'll often ask me about moments from growing up like how we celebrate certain holidays (don't remember), what it was like being from an exciting and exotic foreign land (Canada), girls I dated when I was in school (conveniently forget) and what it was like growing up as the youngest of four boys (good...from what I remember).

With the current pace I am on, to slow down, sit and think about those who have had an impact on my life so far is not easy. Reflection does not easily fall amongst work, family, more work etc. With the recent passing of my grandfather I suppose I was forced to do so. Saying I don't remember at a memorial is unacceptable.

So now, in sitting and thinking about Father's Day, I naturally tend to think about it as a son, and how the values my parents taught me have shaped my life and will shape my future. Considering it as a grandson is special to see those values and traits passed on through several generations. Both my father and grandfather are/were funny (in a Canadian way?), generous, thoughtful, followers of God who believe in doing the right thing. Both are lovers of Tim Hortons (of course), were present in my life and treat others with respect.

Now that I'm getting up there (36!) I can appreciate simplicity in my life. One of my favorite passages mirrors this by summing up most, if not all of the complexities of the bible with one sentence: "do to others what you would have them do to you." This simplification is something that I've always connected with. So for Father's Day here are my two "simple" goals, to not let memories fade and to strive to exemplify these values on to my children.

- Tom Johnson



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Father, In Jesus' Name We Meet

Father, again in Jesus' name we meet,
And bow in penitence beneath Your feet;
Again to You our feeble voices raise,
To ask for mercy, and to sing Your praise.

O we would bless You for Your ceaseless care,
And all Your works from day to day declare;
Is not our life with hourly mercies crowned?
Does not Your arm encircle us around?

Alas, unworthy of Your boundless love,
Too oft with careless feet from You we rove;
But now, encouraged by Your voice, we come,
Returning sinners to a Father's home.

O by that name in whom all fullness dwells,
O by that love which ev'ry love excels,
O by that blood so freely shed for sin,
Open blest mercy's gate and take us in.

- Lucy Whitmore, 1824



Father To Thee I Come,

Father, to Thee I come,
Owning how weak I am;
Grant Thy sustaining arm—
Lead me, I pray.

More of Thy love I'd have;
Nearer to Thee would live:
Earnest heart service give,
Day after day.

In the straight narrow path,
Thou bidst me walk by faith;
Oh, grant the grace that hath
Aided alway.

- Ella Wolcott, 1874

Let Us Draw Near To God (George Cadbury's Dilemma)

Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God. - Hebrews 10:19-22

Jesus came to be a new and living Way, so that we could draw near to God; the Son of God has drawn back the curtain to God's Most Holy Place, so that we may approach with confidence in God's compassion and mercy and understanding.

Jesus bore our sins to the cross to reconcile us with our Heavenly Father, and he calls us simply to draw near to God with a soft, sincere, humble heart, so that he may cleanse and sanctify us through and through -

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. - Hebrews 10:22-23

Today, George Cadbury is usually remembered for Cadbury chocolates. Yet in his time, he was much better known for the reforms he introduced to improve conditions for his workers. In 1919, King George V and Queen Mary heard about this, so they went to tour Cadbury's factory. When the king and queen came, Cadbury wanted to show them how grateful he was for them coming.

It was a chilly day, and it began to rain, yet Cadbury held his hat in his hand and refused to put it on, out of respect for the monarchs. Cadbury was now in his 80's; some of his workers began to worry about him and encouraged him to put his hat on, while others told him he should keep his hat off. The king even told him that it would be all right to put his hat on, yet George couldn't.

Finally, Cadbury's wife Elizabeth realized George's dilemma, so she simply said gently, 'George, please put your hat on' - and George Cadbury put his hat on. Cadbury listened to her instead of all the others, because he knew that she cared for him more than anyone else did.

Likewise, Jesus is the voice of someone who cares for us and who knows everything about us, and he tells us to draw near to God, our Father in heaven, our Creator who knows our hearts and who knows our thoughts. This world's voices are loud and forceful, yet Jesus' call is gentle and patient. This world's voices promise fame and wealth if we follow them, yet Jesus promises us the eternal life of being with him and with our God. Jesus cares for us and he understands our weaknesses -

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. - Hebrews 4:15-16

Jesus' voice is trustworthy and his words are true, and he calls us to approach God so that he may give us the mercy and grace and understand we need every moment.

- Mark Garner