



A GOOD FATHER

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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- ❖ When you hear the word father what comes to mind?
 - Love, protection, strength
 - others absent, pain, hatred
- ❖ We will reveal the goodness of God as Father, grasp what qualities a good father possesses and why good fathers matter so deeply

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God as a model of a good father

Luke 15:19-20;22-24

- ❖ No scolding, no shaming
- ❖ Runs, embraces, restores and celebrates

Matt 7:9-11

- ❖ God is a great gift-giver-generous

Romans 8:15

- ❖ God saves us!! There is more. He restores us, recreates us and adopts us as His own.

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Qualities of a good father

Matt 3:17

❖ Encourager- voice it

Heb 13:5

❖ Never leaves, guides, and protects(Ps 23)

Ephes 6:4

❖ Teach and train your child-lovingly(1 Cor 13)

❖ The call is not to be perfect but present, faithful and reflect God's love

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Why good fathers matter

- ❖ Good father: builds identity, models God, instills stability and establishes legacy

Proverbs 20:7- “The righteous man walks in integrity; his children are blessed after him.”

- ❖ An absent father or one who wounds his children leaves a question of self-worth and damages how a person sees God, authority, and relationships

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Conclusion

- ❖ Fathers: Perfection is not needed- just faithful, present and surrendered
- ❖ Everyone else: whether your earthly father was great or lacking, you have a heavenly Father who knows, sees, hears, loves and calls you by name.

1 John 3:1- “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.”

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Communion

❖ God spared nothing to communicate his love for us

Rom 8:32- “He who did not spare his own Son...