

Father's Day 2022

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Blessing to all that read this, may the Holy Spirit move you to think about what and how an earthly father should be. Our heavenly Father is an example for us to follow. However, He uses a lot of men throughout the bible to show us examples. Here is a verse God laid on my heart to share from the NT.

In Luke chapter 15 we see Jesus tell us three parables. One is about the story of the lost sheep, another is the lost coin, the last is of the lost Son.

In the first two stories, the seeker actively looked for the coin and the sheep, which could not return by themselves. In the story about the missing son. The father watched and waited. He was dealing with a human being who had a will of his own, but he was ready to greet his son if he returned.

In the same way, God's love is constant, patient, and welcoming. He will search for us, like the first two stories and give us opportunities to respond, but He will not force us to come to Him. Like the father in the last story, God waits patiently for us to come to our senses. God's great love reaches out and finds sinners no matter how or why they lost their way.

Our God is always watching and waiting for us to come to Him. Again, God never force Himself on us. Because of our free will, that God gave us, we have to go to Him. He is loving and compassionate to the ones that come. We all sin and fall short of the Glory of God, however, when we act and return with a convicted

Luke 15:20

So, he (the son) got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

heart, and ask for forgiveness of our sins, He wraps His arms of Grace around us and Loves us. God loves us unconditionally, even if we have not decided to return to God's ways yet, He is with us always, waiting for us.

In order for us earthly fathers to learn how to love like God loves us we must learn to forgive, ourselves and others, loving unconditionally. This is not a sign of weakness but a strength. This is what brings the ones that are hurting, seeking answers, the lost to the point where they can feel loved by an earthly father. This is the breaking moment, each eventually learning that the only way their earthly father could love like that is by accepting God's unconditional Love.

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

That is LOVE!

The father in the parable watched and waited,

already having forgiven the wayward son, ready for when his loved one would come back. When that time came, overwhelmed with joy running to them and showering them with his love.

Everyone wants to feel loved. We encourage each of you earthly fathers to read God's Word on how to be a father. There are many examples of fathers in the Bible, both good examples and bad. We all can improve on being a better father for God's Kingdom on Earth. If we learn and follow the good examples recorded for us, and apply them lessons to our lives, we can improve ourselves as we are learning to love others.

Have a bless and wonderful Father's day!