





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: A father can be replaced in many of his roles except for that as a father

HEAD CHANGE: View the role of a father as sacred.

HEART CHANGE: Deal with the brokenness of my past.

LIFE CHANGE: I will honor my role as a father and deal with my own brokenness in the power of the Spirit.

OVERVIEW

The Limit of a Man, the Gift of a Father

Mother's Day was the first modern holiday to be invented in the 20th century. The founder was Anna Jarvis, who felt the heroism of her mother after the Civil War needed to be celebrated. It was made a national holiday in 1914 by Woodrow Wilson. If Mother's Day came in with a roar, Father's Day came in with a whimper. Retailers were the major force in driving the demand for Father's Day. June was a flagging month for sales, so the commercialization of Father's Day has always been part of its history. The celebration of Father's Day was not made official until it was permanently established by Richard Nixon in 1972. In general, there has tended to be no religious or theological significance attached to Father's Day. Generally speaking, Father's Day isn't easy for everyone. While all of us have a father, many have lost their father, some may never have known their father, some may wish they had never known their father. A lot of dads want to be a great dad, they just don't know what to do

Luke 23:46 (NIV) - Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
2. Pope John Paul XXIII said, "it's easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." What does that mean to you? How does this challenge you whether you are a father or not?
3. How has society diminished the role of a father through television, movies, etc.? How can we begin to view the role of a father as sacred again? What can you do for the kids in your life?
4. What often holds you back from dealing with the brokenness in your past? Pastor Jordan listed three potential obstacles: time, money, and ego.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, you are the greatest example of a father we can ever know. Help us point our kids to you. Teach us to lead our families and communities like you lead us. And show us the areas of our lives that keep us from walking more closely to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!