

Say what?

"When I was a kid, I said to my father one afternoon, 'Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?' He answered, 'If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.'" - Jerry Lewis



On how to diaper a baby...

Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Then fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put first base and third together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over again."

- Jimmy Piersal

Funny Father's Day Jokes

- "My Dad thinks he wears the trousers in our house, but it's always Mom who tells him which pair to put on!"
- "Do fathers always snore? No - only when they're asleep!"
- "In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success. Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4 -car garage. And that's just the vacation home."



"Daddy, Daddy, can I have another glass of water please?"
"But I've given you 10 glasses of water already! You'll never sleep."
"Yes, but Daddy, the bedroom's still on fire!"



From the mouths of babes... **(Come words we should never have uttered)**

Little Susan was mother's helper. She helped set the table when guests were due for dinner. Presently everything was on, the guest came in, and everyone sat down. Then Mother noticed something was missing. "Susan," she said, "You didn't put a knife and fork at Mr. Smith's place."

"I thought he wouldn't need them," explained Susan. "Daddy says he always eats like a horse!"

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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Needing Daddy

A little girl needs Daddy
For many, many things:
Like holding her high off the
ground
Where the sunlight sings!
Like being the deep music
that tells her all is right
When she awakens frantic
with

The terrors of the night.
Like being the great mountain
That rises in her heart
And shows her how she might
get home
When all else falls apart.
Like giving her the love
That is her sea and air,
So diving deep or soaring high
She'll always find him there.

~ Author Unknown



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Join us each Sunday for Worship...

10:45am worship and praise



Thot: We ought to be living as if Jesus died yesterday, rose this morning, and is coming back this afternoon.

~ Adrian Rogers

Wisdom reconsidered...

"It's about time we stopped buying things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people we don't like." ~ Adrian Rogers



"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will, in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead." ~ William Law

"When you find that you have nothing left but God, remember, God is all you need!" ~ Poh Fang Chia



Something To Think About..

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty." [2 Corinthians 6:18]

The nature of fatherhood has changed a lot in the last 50 years. One might question why we even celebrate it at all considering the number of absentee fathers, broken homes and rumors of the traditional family no longer having a place in today's world. However, author, David Eddie writes, "Most dads I know are more involved fathers than our fathers were—to the point where many of us, myself included, don't even like the term "involved father." Just say "dad" and we hope that'll cover it."

I like that because it speaks well of the many fathers who each and every day *"show up for duty"* and care deeply about their families. Whether dad is exploring the early stages of fatherhood, discovering his neat orderly world is no longer his; sharing those school aged days of sports, music, afterschool activities, special performances – all events in which dad struggles to adjust his schedule so he can be there in what we might label the 'tween years'; the stage you discover the kids no longer like you (teenagers?) – those days do seem to go on forever; and then the joy of having that young adult in your life, yet recognizing one day they're going to choose the nursing home you spend your last years in.

The irony is that fatherhood has been happening long before we had a "holiday" set aside to honour our dads. In fact the New Testament gives wonderful insight into the close relationship Jesus enjoyed with

both His Heavenly Father as well as Joseph, who raised Jesus as His own Son. Jesus addressed God personally as Abba, father, implying something deeper, more direct than a distant "god". In calling God his Father, Jesus signified we too can draw close to Him. Our relationship with God should be as close, as direct as that between any healthy parent and child relationship. When we celebrate fathers we must do so remembering our Heavenly Father as Jesus did.

I believe Jesus was speaking from the depths of His personal experience. First as He identified so closely with his Father, God that he could share with the disciples, *"If you really knew me, you would know the Father as well."* [John 14:7] And Jesus showed the closeness of the relationship, saying *"I and the Father are one."* [John 10:30]

He also spoke as the first born son of the carpenter from Nazareth, from the *depth* of that relationship. We read that a few days after Jesus was born, Joseph fled with his family over the mountains and deserts seeking refuge from Herod's power, just as so many fathers are fleeing with their families the terror from such places as the Middle East, Myanmar and Bangladesh today; fleeing persecution and poverty at home, or abducted by traffickers, now facing sickness and starvation at sea unwelcome by anyone.

Joseph also taught Jesus the profession of a carpenter - a profession of high standing in the community in those days. Joseph introduced Jesus to this active, demanding profession at an early age. Without doubt the lessons which Jesus learned as his father's right hand influenced His thinking; certainly reflective in His stories and sermons. Yet Jesus, though He must have loved Joseph, would later say, *"if anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father...he cannot be my disciple."* [Luke 14:26] It's the mystery of God's divine

perspective that the nature of His relationship with us as sons and daughters is greater than our human example – and where we fail as fathers, God never will. It's also a reminder we must never allow fatherhood to stand in the way of our children pursuing God, and we must never lose sight of the love God has for all of us as his children – children of all ages, in all situations and all needing Him!

Mark your Calendar...

- June 6th** – Garage Sale & BBQ
- June 7th** – Jennie Schmidt leads service & preaches
- June 14th** – Communion Sunday (gathering after service to discuss MBBC)
- June 21st** – Father's Day
- June 28th** – Cemetery Service @ 2p.m. (Pastor Dave speaking)