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**Orphaned to Adoption  
Father's Day 2023**

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- Open with the Lord's Prayer
- Dad Wisdom and Quotes
  - **It's not a *dad bod*... it's a *father figure*.**
  - **A father is someone who carries pictures where his money used to be.**
  - **A father loves completely, gives quietly, teaches gently, and inspires deeply.**
  - **Whatever it is you're going after, go get it. You're as good as they are.**
  - **Dad (noun) – a man who doesn't know where things are in his own house.**
  - **A father is a banker provided by nature.**
  - **“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – *W. Churchill***
  - **“Don't put off until tomorrow, what could be put off until the day after tomorrow.” – *Mark Twain***
  - **If everybody were satisfied with themselves there would be no heroes.**
  - **“Dad you've always been *like* a father to me.”**
  - **DAD TAX = the portion of an item a dad is entitled to when buys something for his children/ensures food isn't poisonous.**
  - **Life doesn't come with a manual...it comes with a father.**
  - **“I believe what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments when trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom.” – *Umberto Eco***

# Dad

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size : 1 Amazing Man	
%Daily Value*	
Strength	150%
Leadership	100%
Dad Jokes	98%
Funny Dad Jokes	5%
Hard Work	110%
Wrong Answers	NA
Unconditional Love	∞

[see also : \*good looking\*, \*remarkable



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**Ephesians 1:3-11** “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan” (New Living Translation).

**Most people have some feeling of being orphaned, especially men from their fathers, deal with an aspect of an orphaned spirit. This is primarily due to the fact that our fathers were uninitiated men themselves.**

**Most of our dads lacked not only the intentionality that it takes to initiate a boy to a man but also the experience they themselves missed in a *rite of passage* to be invited into the *sacred circle* of initiated men.**

***2 Corinthians 6:18* “And I will be your Father, and you be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”**

**2 Samuel 7:14** “I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do.” (God to David regarding Salomon.)

I believe that David was considered a man after God’s own heart due largely to the fact that David allowed and invited the Lord to Father him. He was indeed fathered by God in a very deep and intimate way and walked closely with Him all his life.

- Basically orphaned by his earthly father Jesse, David would walk with God in the cool of the day through the hills and pastures of Bethlehem.
- Jesse all but forgot he had David out in the field watching after his flock when Samuel came to call.
- I think it would be easy to imply a father-wound by Jesse to David. We don’t hear in the scripture so much about that but rather far more about how David walked closely with God.
  - “The hardest, gladdest thing in the world is to cry Father! From a full heart...the refusal to look up to God as our Father is the one central wrong in the whole human affair: the inability, the one central misery.” - George MacDonald
- David walked in the complete knowledge of his place in creation and the full awareness of inheritance as a son of God.

**Galatians 3:26** “For you are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.”

*The founder of Dubai, Sheikh Rashid, was asked about the future of his country. He replied, "My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I ride a Mercedes, my son rides a Land Rover, and my grandson is going to ride a Land Rover...but my great-grandson is going to have to ride a camel again."*

*Why is that, he was asked? And his reply was, "Hard times create strong men, strong men create easy times. Easy times create weak men, weak men create difficult times. Many will not understand it, but you have to raise warriors, not parasites."*

**Galatians 4:5-7** “God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, ‘Abba, Father.’ Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”

**Last of the Mohicans:** *orphaned Nathaniel (Hawkeye) was initiated by his Indian father, Chingachgook, adopted into the tribe and trained in all their sacred ways*

***of honor and tradition. He was fully alive, heart intact and living from truth about his ability and strength.***

**We see Jesus model sonship and walking closely with His Father.**

***John 5:19-20*** “So Jesus explained, ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing...’”

**Paul gives us insight that we might also walk with the Father, hear His voice, and call out to Him, Abba (Daddy) Father, if we are living in unity with the Spirit. His Spirit walks with us and directs us toward the Father.**

**It’s so natural, the connection of the Trinity. And, if we allow ourselves to come into kingdom alignment with the Holy Spirit, He in us, we in Him; we have access to the power, authority, and inheritance of God’s kingdom. We pray, Holy Father in heaven, let Your kingdom come to earth as it is in heaven.**

***Romans 8:13-15*** “...But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’”

**Which spirit are you living with today? One of bondage or sonship?**

- **Full and complete Adoption with all rights of inheritance is offered at the Cross.**

**A word for all father’s – Samuel Brengle (Leader for the Salvation Army):**

***“It is not won by promotion, but my many prayers and tears. It is attained by confession of sin, and much heart -searching and humbling before God; by self-surrender, a courageous sacrifice of every idol, a bold uncomplaining embrace of the Cross, and by eternally looking unto Jesus crucified. It is not gained by seeking great things for ourselves, but like Paul, by counting those things that are gain to us as loss for Christ. This is a great price, but it must be paid by the leader (Father) whose power is recognized and felt in heaven, on earth, and in hell.”***

**Oh, that we would all echo the words of Jesus today... “I only want to say what I hear the Father saying and I am only doing what I see the Father doing.”**

**Come Lord, father us today in the areas where we feel orphaned, heal that place of brokenness in our relationship with you Lord. I want to hear you call me son/ daughter and walk with you where you are walking. I want to speak what I hear you saying on my heart.**

**What’s Abba Father saying on your heart today?**