

June 19 | Sunday

Fatherhood | Read [John 1:10-13](#)



20 | Mon – Paradigm shift | Read Psalm 68:5-6

In the Old Testament, people related to God as a powerful deity to be feared and revered. It wasn't until Jesus came that people began to see a different side to this sometimes intimidating I AM of the Exodus. It probably seemed strange for people to hear Jesus speak of God as "our Father." What is your view? Is he the God who seems distant or is he becoming a warm and loving Father to you?

21 | Tue – Father Noah | Read Genesis 6:6-9, 22 and 7:5

Children learn a lot from just watching their parents. As you read the scripture for today, think about the kind of father Noah was. In a very corrupt society, this man caught God's attention as the only man He could trust. What lessons do you think Noah's three sons - Shem, Ham, and Japheth - learned growing up in his home?

22 | Wed – Moses' three dads | Read Exodus 18:1-27, Hebrew 11:23

Moses had three families. His birth parents risked everything to save him from death in the Nile River. Then his adopted royal parents trained him for leadership under the Pharaoh. Moses' failed attempt to free his people resulted in exile, but in Midian he found a new family and a godly father-in-law, Jethro. How has God used different 'parents' in your life to help you grow? Is there someone who might need you as a spiritual parent?

23 | Thu – Father Abraham | Read Hebrews 11:8-12 and 17-19

Abraham waited twenty-five years for Isaac to be born. As he raised this precious son, what important wisdom do think Abraham taught him? He was not a perfect man nor a perfect father but what was the most important thing Isaac learned from his dad? You might find a clue in today's reading.

24 | Fri – This is going to hurt... | Read Hebrews 12:1-11

One sure sign that your parents love you is when they don't let you get away with doing something wrong. Nowhere is this more true than in our relationship with our heavenly Father. Part of growing up is learning how to discipline ourselves but until we grow into that maturity, someone has to help keep us on the right path. Is there hardship in your life right now? Could it be a sign that God is treating you as a beloved son or daughter?

25 | Sat – Watch this | Read John 23:44-46

To see a picture of the perfect parent-child relationship, read today's verses. Against the dark backdrop of wickedness, you see a son who trusted so completely that he intentionally walked into the jaws of death because it was the sacrifice that was needed. He knew the deep love of his Father. And he trusted his Father's goodness, in spite of the circumstances. Do you believe you can have that kind of relationship with your heavenly Father? That is what He wants. Why not talk with Him about it and see what happens?

June 26 | Sun – Unsettled Series: Just Ask



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