

## Daddy

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### *The Embassy Church - Small Group Notes – Sunday, June 16, 2019*

There's something special about being called 'Daddy'. It's different than 'Father', even though that's what a 'Daddy' is. It connects the functional with the emotional, the responsibility with the relationship. Being a 'Daddy' is a source of joy. Having a 'Daddy' is a source of success. But what if you have never experienced the blessing of a real Dad in your life? Rest assured, in the Kingdom of God, there are no orphans! You have the best Dad of the Whole World.

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Léon van Weerden

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### ***Scriptures – All Scriptures New Living Translation***

#### *1 Samuel 22:1-2*

So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there. Then other began coming – men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented – until David was the captain of about 400 men.

#### *2 Samuel 23:13-17*

Once during the harvest, when David was at the cave of Adullam, the Philistine army was camped in the valley of Rephaim. The Three (who were among the Thirty – an elite group among David's fighting men) went down to meet him there. David was staying in the stronghold at the time, and a Philistine detachment had occupied the town of Bethlehem.

David remarked longingly to his men, "Oh how I would love some of that good water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem." So the Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew some water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem, and brought it back to David. But he refused to drink it. Instead, he poured it out as an offering to the Lord. "The Lord forbid that I should drink this!" he exclaimed. "This water is as precious as the blood of these men who risked their lives to bring it to me." So David did not drink it. These are examples of the exploits of the Three.

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

**Main Points**

1. There Is Hope In The Kingdom
2. An Ever-Present Father
3. An Ephesian Blessing

**Digger Deeper - Discussion Questions***Revelation*

- Who gathered with David in the cave? (1 Samuel 22:1-2)
- How did the men honor David in 2 Samuel 23:13-17?
  - Why did David respond like he did?

*Interpretation*

- How did David become a *father* figure to those who gathered with him in the Cave of Adullam?
- What's the difference between an orphan spirit and a son?

*Application*

- Do you know who the fathers are that God has provided for you in the natural world around you?

**Quotable Quotes:**

- No one needs to be an orphan in the Kingdom of God.