

Summer Playlist 2021 | Part 3

3 Relationships (Father's Day)

Part 3 takeaway: A Father's Job is to build & help build for his kids, three relationships: God, Family, Church.

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- **Happy Father's Day**
- **Juneteenth - Explanation**

Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and marks the day (June 19th) when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to ensure that all enslaved people be freed there. The troops' arrival came two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham on January 1, 1863.

As Christians we celebrate each other, love each other, fight for each other, honor each other and sacrificially seek the good of one another.

In honor of Juneteenth, we reflect and pray on Revelation 7:9-12, 14-17 depicting all of God's family bowing down together to worship Jesus. That we are ONE HUMAN RACE, ONE HUMAN FAMILY - PRAY:

9-12 I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were

standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing:

Salvation to our God on his Throne! Salvation to the Lamb!

14-17 Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

No In Person

- July 3
- July 31

Social Summer

- Calendar of Events
- Social Channels

Father’s Day

- King Candy Bars
- Sharable

PRAY

Today: Summer Playlist - 3 Relationships

Grilling for Father’s Day (Juneteenth)?

- NEED: FIRE/HEAT
- 3 Parts - fuel, air, spark

Relational Health? (Father's Day, Juneteenth, Any)

- Parent or Not these are the same Three
- 3 Important Things to Understand about Parent/Child Dedication
- You either NEED THIS or NEED TO PASS THIS ALONG or BOTH
 - (not just for Fathers)

1. Personal relationship with God (Deut 6:56)
2. Intentional discipleship with your family (Deut 6:59)
3. Communal responsibility with your church (Deut 6:4)

3 Important relationships for ALL to cultivate

1) Personal Relationship with God

“The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts” (Deuteronomy 6:56 NIV).

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

If we don't have a personal relationship with Christ, how can we expect our child to?

“Our children don't do what we say, they do what we do”

Do you have a relationship with Christ?

- Do you read your Bible daily?
- Do you listen for God's voice? Where? When?
- Are you living like Jesus in front of your family?
- Is church important to you?

DO what you want them to HAVE.

- We would do this in any other area
- Financial
- A place to live
- Spiritual Hunger


Matthew 5: 6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

That is a promise.

Don't try to pour out without being filled

ILL. Video

- Derek Redmond - 1992 Olympics Barcelona 400 Semi-Final
-  Derek Redmond's Emotional Olympic Story - Injury Mi...

ILL. Flop on the floor, Give thanks before getting out of bed.

- Morning part = mom
- Morning part = dad
- = what we do matters for us and for others...

God is Our Father!

One who provides for us!

Luke 11:1-2a

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray...” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father...”

- Primary Context in prayer
- “Our Father who is in Heaven”
- Our *Father*
- 165+ times in the Gospels God is spoken of as “Father”

The Pleasure of His Company - Dutch Sheets

“God would prefer you call Him: Dad” - Paraphrasing Jesus

Revolutionary!

God → Master → Saviour → Friend → Father

Relationship with God

2) Intentional Discipleship with your Family

“The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your

hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:59 NIV).

3 Things Have to Happen in Order to Have Successful, Incarnational Disciples as Children

1. Proximity
2. Time
3. Intentionality

Proximity

- I don't know if you know this or not, but [families exist in close quarters with each other](#), usually in the same house!
- Proximity in a family context is built into the structure.
- This is ONE reason the nuclear family structure is so important.

Time

- Families have a lot of time together, much more than anything else. Even though their hours at school are significant, the amount of time a student is potentially with their family is bigger. But not every family uses the time wisely or effectively. How are you using the time you potentially have with your children?
- Are you on the computer, phone, Facebook, Pinterest, more than you have face time with your kids?
- Do you watch sports at the expense of time with your children?
- What about outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, and recreation? Is it isolated from your children?

Activities WITH the ones you love.

ILL. Batterson - Life Goals list "...with someone I love".

ILL. Canton Liberty Run

There are some things we should stop doing and some things we should keep doing **with our children.**

Intentionality

This is the tricky one.

- We are in close quarters with one another. We have the potential to spend a lot of time together, but is the proximity and time **intentional**?
- Do you invest in your child intentionally?
- Do you read to them?
- Do you play with them?

ILL. Phone @ Revel - CO (connected, present)

- Do you know kid's favorite color, favorite ice cream flavor, and favorite activity at school?
- When was the last time you prayed with them, read the Bible alongside of them, asked them what they think about God?

If you're going to be a good father, you must break your addiction to the immediate.

An addiction to the immediate is one of the curses of our age. We have been severed from the process of sowing and reaping, seasons and struggle, that other generations took for granted. We tend to think things can be created quickly, fixed quickly, and developed quickly.

If you're going to be a good father, it will require patience. One of the greatest challenges of being a Dad is the lack of immediate feedback and fruit (other than complaints and the occasional kind word on Father's Day) we receive in this noble role.

It can be discouraging to love and serve and labor and give while the days seem to roll by without a visible sense of progress. There are even times when the intentional effort seems to result in negative progress, as kids deal with issues in their own lives that move them in the opposite direction we have been trying to lead them.

One of the things that can help with this is to change our vision of fatherhood. For a man it only takes minutes to contribute to the creation of a child, but to raise them will take decades, even longer.

The ultimate image of a Father in our modern world is a young dad with a newborn, throwing him in the air while the child squeals with delight. I have plenty of pictures with my own children just like that, but it represents the start of the journey of fatherhood, not the conclusion.

Jeremy Pryor says the true image of a father is an old man, a grandfather, with his grandchildren at his feet. It's a vision of multi-generational impact, one that requires the patience of a farmer, the long game of compound parenting, yet a determination to plant those seeds today.

The kingdom of God comes in seed form, not realized form. It's the slow daily death of self, words of kindness, observation and attention, loving confrontation and a commitment to be present over the years.

Sow seeds of encouragement instead of criticism.
Sow seeds of attention, put your phone down.
Sow seeds of morality, model integrity in the small things.
Sow seeds of discipline, let your kids see you restrain yourself.
Sow seeds of courage, confront things they know you hate.
Sow seeds of servanthood, do the overlooked stuff without fanfare.
Sow seeds of a godly marriage, be affectionate with your wife in front of the kids.

Are we intentional with the time and proximity we have?

4 Ways to be intentional with the time and proximity

Talk... when you sit at home...

- When you sit at home. Turn off the TV, the computer, tablet, and smartphone (not all the time, but most of the time). Play board games. Play in the backyard. Go for a walk or maybe a drive (see next point). Go to a park. Play tag. Wrestle. The temperature and the playfulness of a home is determined by the intentionality of the parents. What else can we do “when we sit at home”?

... and when you walk along the road...

- When you walk along the road. Some of us spend a lot of time in the car, some of us spend a little. No matter how much, this is a fantastic environment to ask questions and talk (about anything... God, school, friendships, choices, favorites, dreams, ideas, stories, etc). You can pray in the car. You can listen to music together in the car. What else can we do “when we walk along the road”?

... when you lie down...

● When you lie down. Bedtime is special. It's the wind down of the day. Here is where you can recap the day's events, pray and read the Bible. Words of encouragement and affirmation are vital at this time. What else can we do "when we lie down"?

...and when you get up...

● When you get up. Getting up in the morning provides a blank page for your family to start fresh relationally. Just a few encouraging words carefully spoken or written can give your children a sense of value and instill purpose. What can I say or do to give them fuel for dealing with whatever they have to face today? What else can we do "when we get up"?

These can be called family spiritual rhythms or practices.

What is the #1 spiritual rhythm are you going to start or re-commit to right now?

3) Communal Responsibility with Your Church

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another... (Hebrews 10:24-25a NIV).

We NEED each other

- we've LOST this in our culture

Sticky Social “Web”

“Parents of younger children will often buy into the myth that they are the only adult influence their children need. But parents of teenagers often realize that their children are hungry for approval and advice from someone who is not their parent. So there are really only a couple of options: Kids will either seek out another adult’s validation on their own, or the parent can be a part of the process and pursue strategic relationships for them.” - Reggie Joiner, Think Orange

Dr. Kara Powell calls this your Sticky Faith Team, or a sticky social web cluster of **intentional, intergenerational relationships**.

Your child needs 5 intentional, intergenerational relationships, and these won’t happen by accident.

You as a parent have to be intentional.

“How do I go about a 5 to 1 sticky social web for my kids?”

- Ask your kids to name 5 adults they respect and want to be like.
- Invite those adults one at a time over for dinner sometime to get them more involved in your child’s life.

- Setup intentional times when your kid can interact with these other adults they look up to and respect.

You don't have to keep this 5 to 1 goal a secret to your kid.

ILL. Cullen & Sarah - Run the race yesterday

ILL. It takes a village (but we have one) = The Element Family

- 1. Proximity - You have to show up
- 2. Time - You have to invest time
- 3. Intentionality - You have to play a part

Church Strategy - You are the primary source of spiritual discipleship in your child's life - we are all here to be a part

- Ekids Page
- <https://theparentcue.org/>

Relationship with God

Intentional Discipleship with your family - those you mentor/kids

Communal Responsibility with church community

That leads us to this responsibility... where/how?

- Pray for their walk with God
- Pray for the family to walk out discipleship together
- Pray for covenant community in local church context

Reminders & Release

Parking validations

Prayer teams