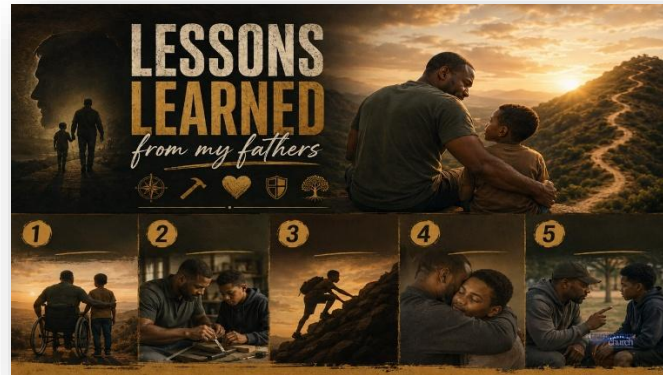


5-Day Devotional: Lessons from Our Fathers



Day 1: Leading with Limitations

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Devotional: God's power shines brightest through our weaknesses. Like Moses with his speech impediment and Paul with his thorn in the flesh, we often feel disqualified by our limitations. Yet God deliberately chooses imperfect vessels to accomplish His perfect purposes. Your struggles, inadequacies, and failures don't disqualify you from God's calling—they position you to experience His sufficient grace. When we acknowledge our limitations, we create space for God's strength to work through us. Today, instead of hiding your weaknesses, bring them to God. Ask Him to transform your limitations into opportunities for His power to be displayed. Remember: His grace is tailor-made for your specific needs.

Reflection: What limitation have you allowed to hold you back from serving God or others? How might God want to use that very weakness for His glory?

Day 2: The Power of Godly Models

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1; Titus 2:6-8

Devotional: We become what we behold. Paul boldly declared, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ," understanding that spiritual growth requires visible examples. Whether you had an imperfect earthly father or a godly one, you learned lessons—what to do and what not to do. God places models in our lives to show us the way forward. More importantly, He calls us to become models for others. Your life is being watched by someone who needs to see Christ reflected in your daily choices. Integrity isn't just doing right when others watch; it's living consistently whether seen or unseen. Today, consider who you're following and who's following you.

Reflection: Who has been a godly model in your life? Who might be watching your life as an example of following Christ?

Day 3: The Discipline of Diligent Work

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Colossians 3:23-24

Devotional: Faith without works is dead, and prayers without action remain unanswered. God honors those who work diligently, not to earn His love, but as an expression of stewardship and faithfulness. The Bible teaches clearly: "Those who don't work shouldn't expect to eat." This isn't harsh; it's wisdom. Work develops character, builds resilience, and positions us for blessing. Whether in your career, relationships, or spiritual life, excellence requires effort. When you work as unto the Lord rather than for human approval, you find purpose beyond paychecks. Your work ethic testifies to your faith. God has given you abilities—use them faithfully. Don't wait for perfect conditions; start where you are with what you have.

Reflection: In what area of life have you been waiting for God to act without taking faithful action yourself? What work can you begin today?

Day 4: Love That Forgives and Restores

Reading: Luke 15:11-24; 1 John 1:8-9

Devotional: The father in the prodigal son story didn't focus on failure but on restoration. While the son was still far off, the father saw him, ran to him, and celebrated his return. This is the heart of our Heavenly Father toward us—and the heart we must cultivate toward others. Unforgiveness imprisons both the offender and the offended. God's love doesn't excuse sin, but it makes room for redemption. As fathers, leaders, and followers of Christ, we must extend the same grace we've received. Tender compassion, not harsh condemnation, draws hearts home. Today, consider who needs your forgiveness. Remember how much you've been forgiven, and let that fuel your ability to release others.

Reflection: Is there a relationship that needs restoration? What step of forgiveness or reconciliation is God calling you to take?

Day 5: Correction That Leads to Growth

Reading: Hebrews 12:7-11; Proverbs 3:11-12

Devotional: God's discipline is proof of His love, not evidence of His anger. Like a good father corrects a beloved child, God challenges us to grow beyond our comfort zones. Correction isn't punishment—it's redirection toward righteousness. When God allows uncomfortable circumstances or convicts your heart about sin, He's treating you as a son or daughter. Those who never experience God's correction should question their relationship with Him. Divine discipline produces peaceful fruit of righteousness in those who submit to it. Don't resist God's refining work in your life. His corrections keep you on

the path of life. Embrace the challenge to become more like Christ, knowing that temporary discomfort produces eternal character.

Reflection: Where is God currently correcting or challenging you? How can you respond with humility rather than resistance?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for being the perfect Father who loves, corrects, and never abandons us. Help us learn the lessons You teach through earthly fathers and spiritual mentors. Give us grace to lead with our limitations, become godly models, work diligently, love unconditionally, and receive Your correction with grateful hearts. Make us more like Jesus each day. In His name, Amen.