

The Father's Love Prophesied!

Genesis 22:1-19

During this time of continued unsettledness there are many declarations being made about God...

Many are claiming this to be God's judgment against the blatant immorality in our nation...

As I listen to these claims there is a deep sadness that stirs within me...

While I do believe in the certainty of God's judgment, I see it being presented in ways that make God out to be more of an ANGRY TYRANT than a LOVING FATHER...

Over the next few weeks I want to share with you about the Father's Love!

I believe the Father's love is one of the most misunderstood concepts in Scripture...

Since the FALL OF MAN in Genesis 3, TWO THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING...

First, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIDING

Genesis 3:9–10 (ESV) — But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Second, GOD HAS BEEN PURSUING

The Father's longing for people to enter His love is the theme of Scripture...

ONE THING

People experiencing and enjoying the Father's love is the central theme of the Bible.

But many people MISS the Father's love...

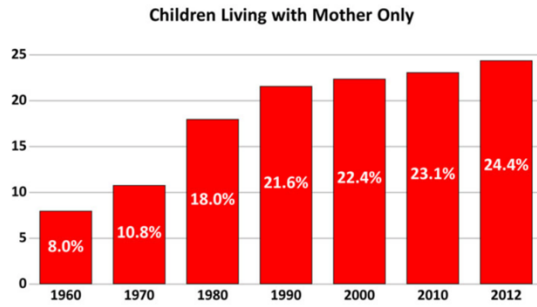
When I mention the Father's love, what begins to stir inside you?

Our perception of God and ourselves is many times skewed by a faulty projection onto God of the failings of one or both of our parents.

More than 20 million children live in a home without the physical presence of a father.

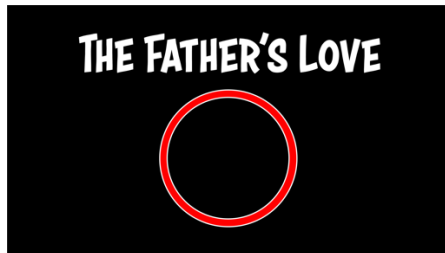
Millions more have dads who are physically present, but emotionally absent.

If it were classified as a disease, fatherlessness would be an epidemic worthy of attention as a national emergency.



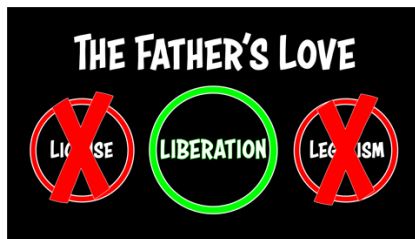
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When we begin discussing the Father's love, there are two extremes in which most people tend to land...





→ **Father's Love Pic 8**



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Romans 8:15 (ESV) — For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Matthew 6:9–10 (ESV) — Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

1 John 4:16 (ESV) — So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and

whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Have you ever wondered what God thinks about you?

You have heard God's instructions, but have you experienced and enjoyed God's affections?

In January of this year I was reading in Genesis 22 on the story of when the Lord told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering...

I have read this story many, many times...

In fact, I have preached no less than 10 messages from this passage...

Yet as I sat down to read it early in the morning on January 8th, I was overcome with emotion...

I have read this so many times regarding Abraham's faithfulness to God...

I have read it regarding Isaac's trust in his father...

I have even read it seeing the parallels between this story and Jesus, God's perfect sacrifice, begin offered for our sin...

But on that January morning, it was as though I FELT THE EMOTIONS of God the Father...

Genesis 22 is a PICTURE of God the Father offering His Son, Jesus on the altar for the sins of humanity!

Let's read this story together...

Genesis 22:1–19 (ESV) — After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be

provided.” 15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

People experiencing and enjoying the Father’s love is the central theme of the Bible.

I want to share with you some CHARACTERISTICS of the Father’s Love that have been skewed by our faulty perceptions...

My hope is that in breaking your FAULTY PERCEPTIONS you might step deeper into EXPERIENCING and ENJOYING the Father’s Love!

1. The Father’s AMBITION

Genesis 22:2 (ESV) — He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Jeremiah 32:35 (ESV) — 35 They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

YOU are the AMBITION of the Father!

Genesis 3:9–10 (ESV) — But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

Genesis 3:21 (ESV) — And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The Father’s AMBITION is a FAMILY!!!

Hebrews 2:10a (NLT) — God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory...

2. The Father’s AGGRESSION

Genesis 22:3 (ESV) — So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Just as we see Abraham wasting no time, the Father wasted no time in proclaiming our redemption...

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) — I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

The Lord says to the serpent that He will send a redeemer!

Ephesians 1:3–4a (ESV) — Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world...

We see this even in the crucifixion of Jesus...

Mark 15:25 (NLT) — It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him.

3. The Father’s AUTHORITY

Genesis 22:7–8 (ESV) — And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

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

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