Filled by the Father's Love Mark 15:1-20

Intro:

[Image] - Photos of my dad loving me

- [Need] It's easy to forget just how much our heavenly Father loves us. If we are to be a church that lives fully and boldy for King Jesus, we must daily be filled by our Father's love for us.
- [Preview] Mark writes 15:1-20 to 1st century Christians who are suffering and tempted to fall away from living for Jesus. He reminds them in15:1-20 of what Jesus has suffered for them and how much the Father loves them.
 - Each section has a main scene & behind-the-scene action. The main scene shows Jesus' faitfulness, the behind scenes show God the Father working through Jesus' faithfulness.

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(I) Through Jesus' Silence, The Father's Perfect Plan Unfolds [15:1-5]

- Here we're introduced to Pilate, Roman governor of Judea, who's concerned with one accusation:
 - o Are you the king of the Jews?" Lit. "you are the king of the Jews?" Pilate unwittingly confesses Christ
- Chief priests make false accusations against Jesus while Jesus remains silent.
 - o E.g. story of Fred fighting at McDonald's over a false accusation
- Why does Jesus remain silent?
 - o Not surprised, Jesus predicted his death 3x in Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, 10:32-34
 - o Fulfillment of prophecy Isaiah 53:7.
 - o He trusts the Father's plan.
- Pilate's amazed because he doesn't know this is Jesus' plan. It's not Jesus before Pilate, rather it's Pilate before Jesus!
- E.g. The Apostle's Creed why is Pilate mentioned?
 - o The Father uses Pilate's name as part of his plan to testify to the truthfulness of gospel account.

(II) Through Jesus' Substitution, The Father Provides His Son as the Sacrifice for Our Sins [15:6-15]

- Here we're introduced to the murderer Jesus Barabbas whose name means "son of the father"
 - o Contrast of the two Jesus'; one is guilty, the other innocent. One is evil, the other is good. One is the son of the father, the other is the True Son of the Father. One is pardoned, the other is condemned.
- Imagine you're Barabbas! Awaiting death then they take Jesus instead of you, see him carry cross that was meant for you.
 - We don't have to imagine, Jesus really did die as substitute for us (substitutionary atonement).
- E.g. story of about searching for warrants and instead finding my dad's will.
- To be filled by the love of the Father, we as a church must internalize and meditate on what Jesus has done for us.

(III) Through Jesus' Shame, The Father Pours Out His Immeasurable Love for Us [15:16-20]

- Mark contrasts the mockery of Jesus with a Roman triumphal procession to reveal Jesus as the True King.
- Mark is the action gospel, all the action is now being performed on Jesus
 - They bound him, accused him, scourged him, led him away, clothed him in purple, put crown of thorns on him, salute him, strike him, spit on him, kneel before him, mock him, strip him, then crucify him. (Isaiah 50:6)
- E.g. Life of Pi Father Martin story

[HP] Behold what Jesus has done for you and be filled by the Father's love.

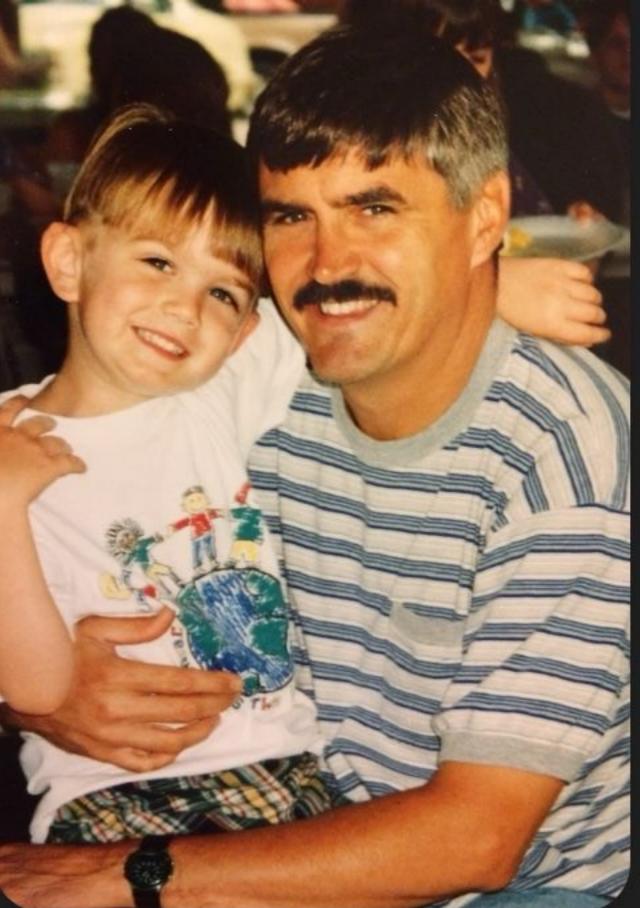
- E.g. Story "Behold the Man" Painting- Count Zinzendorf "This have I suffered for you, now what will you do for me?"

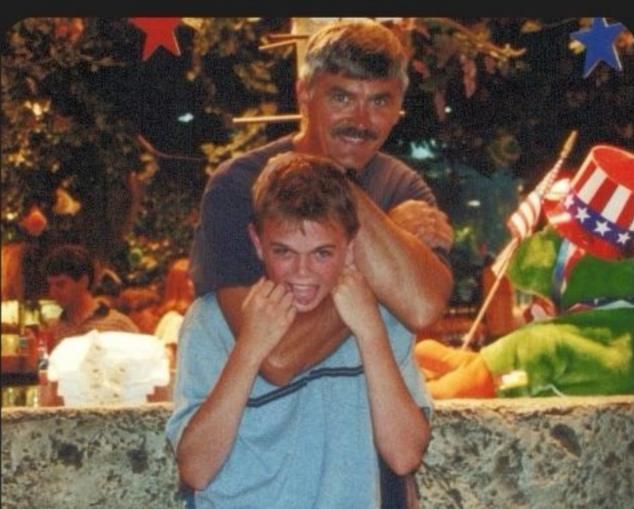
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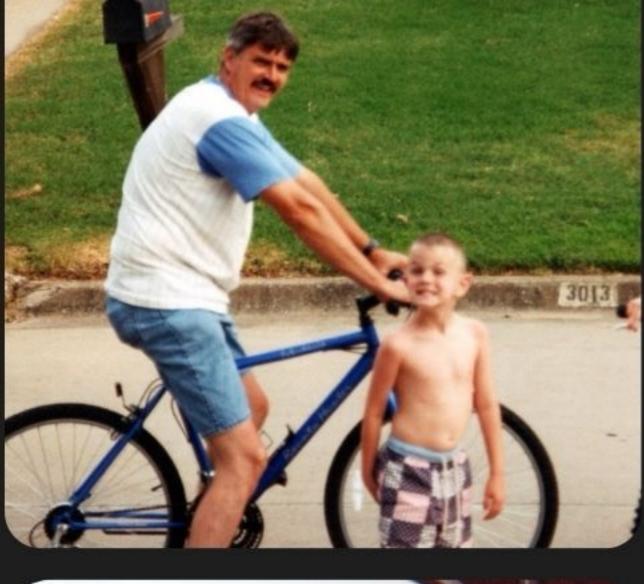
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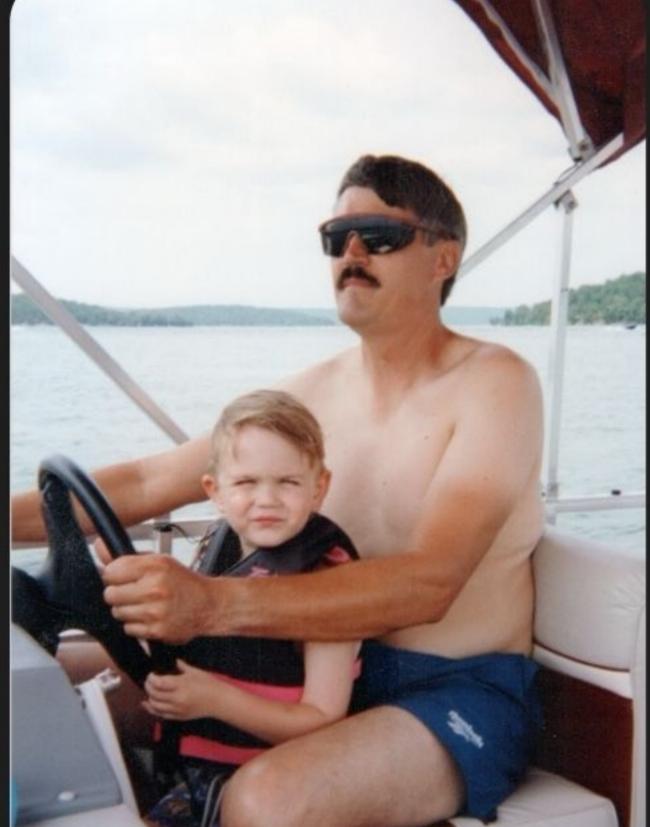




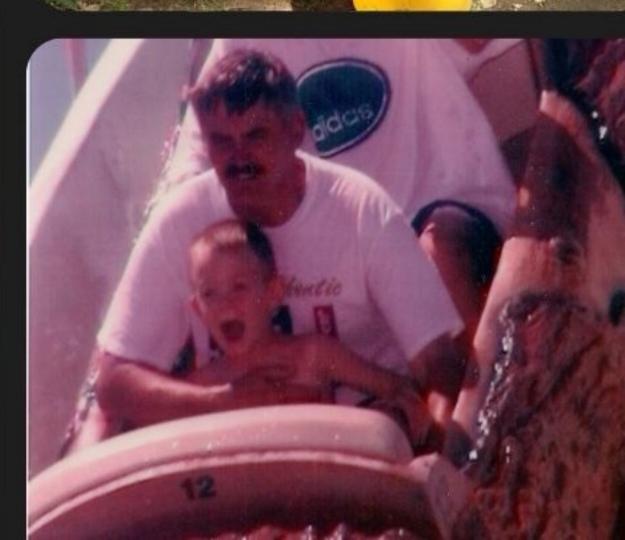


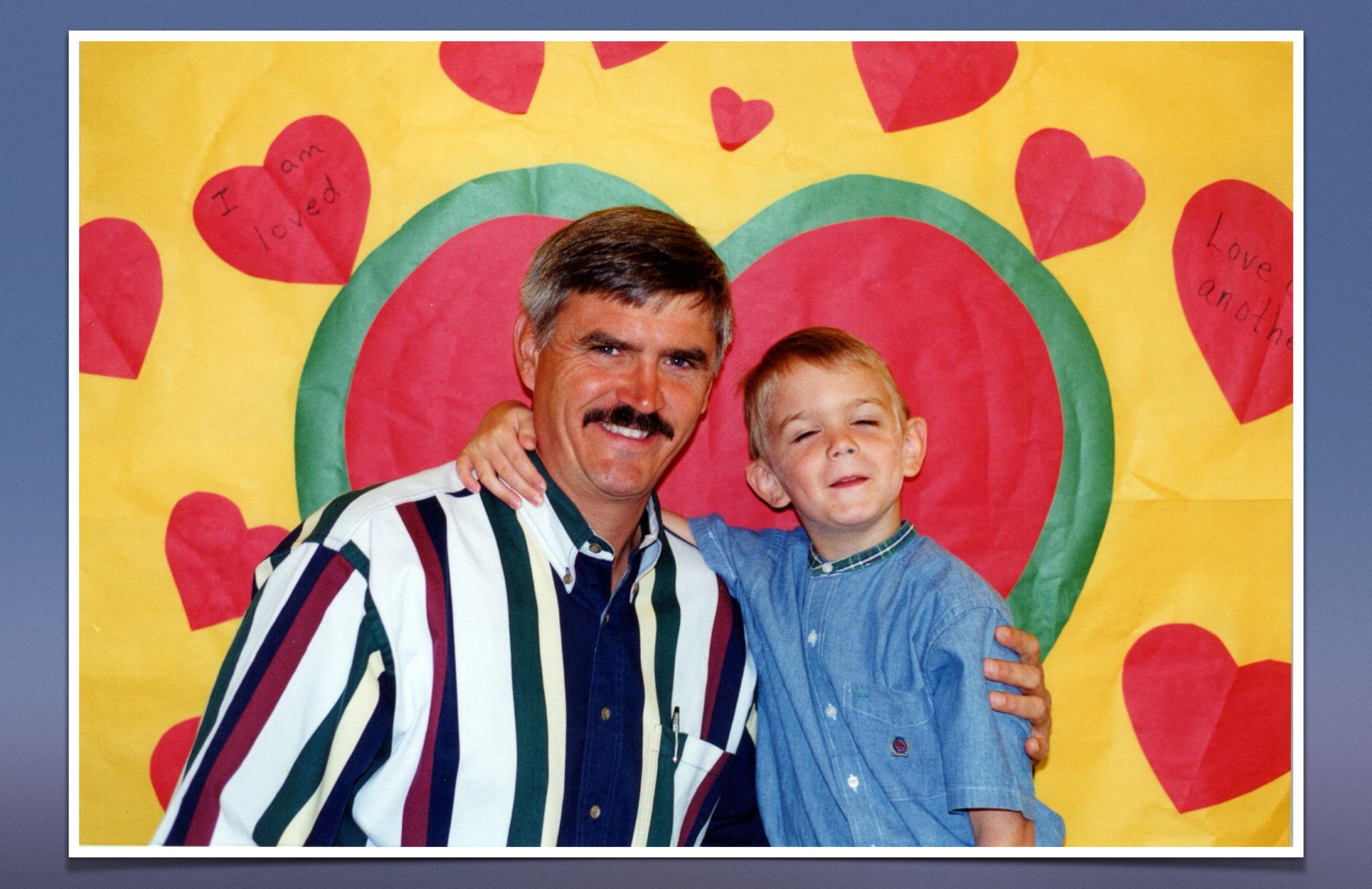












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