Father’s Day Famous Dads KZ Lesson 6/18/23

# Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:2 NKJV

# 2“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:

Target Thought: Our parents are gifts from God to us.

What words come to mind when you hear the word dad? We all have or have had a dad. We also have God as our heavenly Father. Being a dad is no easy job. God created dads to be spiritual leaders, mentors, comforters, caregivers, providers, and sometimes even our playmates.

Dads are responsible for passing their faith and wisdom on to their kids and setting a good example for them to follow. Dads are to teach their children how to live for God. Let’s listen to a scripture that tells us about this:

Proverbs 22:6 NKJV

6Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

# If you dad isn’t always the perfect father, take heart – because there is only one perfect Father, Father God. Every father has his strengths and his weakness, and the dads of the Bible were no different. Adam had no clue what he was doing when he became a dad. Abraham and his son Isaac had their issues and then Isaac played favorites with his boys.

# Today we are going to learn about three fathers from the Bible, beginning with Isaac’s son Jacob. We are going to see that dads aren’t perfect, but that they have a very important role in our life. Here is our first example:

# Genesis 37:2-4 NKJV

# 2This *is* the history of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.3Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors. 4But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

# Poor Joseph, you’d think Jacob would have learned from his father not to play favorites but Jacob couldn’t help himself. He loved Joseph so much that he bought him a flashy coat. Jacob loved his son but his favoritism drove his other sons to sell Joseph into slavery. God still worked all of this into a plan for Joseph to save his family.

# Our next dad is the wisest man who ever lived. He loved his son so much that he wrote a whole book of advice for his son. Who was this father and who was his father?

# Proverbs 2:1-8 NKJV2 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, 2So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding; 3Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding, 4If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures; 5Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. 6For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;7He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

# This very wise man is Solomon and his father was King David. We remember king David right? Since Solomon was the wisest father in the Bible and he taught his son wisdom, do we think that learning wisdom is a good idea for us today?

# Now you remember when I said there is one perfect Father in the Bible? He is looking out for all of us right now. We are His children and He sets the standards for us.

# Let’s listen to one of our favorite verses:

# John 3:16 NKJV

# 16For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

# This verse explains how and why Father God has set the standards for us. God loves us so much that He gave up His only Son, Jesus, for us. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for sin on Himself so that we could with live with Jesus forever.

# Jacob was a bit overboard by showing favoritism. Solomon was a demanding father, but both of these fathers loved their sons.

# Today is a great day to let dad know that we love him. We need to pray for our dad, it is not an easy job to be a godly father.

# We can always count on our Heavenly Father to love us and guide us.

# Let’s pray:

# Heavenly Father we thank you for loving us and giving us our dads. We ask you to help our dad to be a godly dad and we thank You that You are our heavenly Father. In Jesus name we thank You.

# 1 Are our parents gifts from God?

# 2 Are our dads supposed to teach us about God?

# 3 How may perfect dads are there?

# 4 Should we learn wisdom today?

# 5 Are we supposed to pray for our dad?