



Fatherhood
Father's Day

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► **Outline**

And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children.
1 Thessalonians 2:11 (NLT)

A father's responsibilities:

1. _____.
(Luke 12:29-32; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Philippians 4:19-20;
1 Timothy 5:8)

2. _____.
(Psalm 121; Matthew 10:29-31; 18:10; John 17:9-11)

3. _____.
(Psalm 103:13; Proverbs 3:11-12; 4:1-5; 22:6;
Colossians 3:21)

4. _____.
(Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:5-7; Ephesians 6:4;
1 Thessalonians 2:11-12; 3 John 4)

Answers: 1. Provider 2. Protector 3. Preparer 4. Pastor

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What's an important lesson you learned from your dad?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Luke 12:29-32.

1. What words and phrases do you see in this passage that describe God's heart toward you? Which seem most significant? Why?
2. Do you usually live with the mindset of scarcity or abundance? Why do you think that is? What does this reveal about your view of God?
3. When is worry most likely to show up in your life? How would your life be different if you learned to let go and allow God to provide for you?

Read Psalm 121.

4. The Psalmist experienced God's protection because that's where his focus was. What are ways you need God's protection?
5. Which part of this Psalm is most encouraging to you? How can you remember this more often?
6. Describe a time you felt the comfort and safety of God's protection. Pause and thank Him for fathering you in this way.

Read Proverbs 4:1-5.

7. Experiencing God as a father involves seeking His wisdom and listening to His direction. Describe a time you openly received guidance or correction from God. What's a practical way you can seek wisdom this week?
8. How often do you feel like God knows what's best for you?

Further reflection on the fatherhood of God

9. What words would you use to describe the relationship you've had with your biological father? How has your experience with him influenced your relationship with God as a father?
10. This week's message describes God as provider, protector, preparer and pastor. What do each of these mean to you? Which one do you need most right now? Why?
11. As you finish this week's lesson, what do you sense God saying to you about being His beloved son or daughter? Capture those thoughts now, for they will be quickly forgotten or stolen.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Spend time reflecting on the idea that you are God's beloved. Meditate on this week's daily readings and ask God to help you experience Him as a father.

Memory Verse

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. **Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)**

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Philippians 4:19-20 | Day 4: Proverbs 3:11-12 |
| Day 2: Psalm 121 | Day 5: Deuteronomy 6:5-7 |
| Day 3: Matthew 10:29-31 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 26, we'll start a new series titled *extraORDINARY*. We'll explore how Jesus transforms ordinary people into men and women of character and courage. To prepare for this first message, read **Luke 5:1-11 and Acts 4:13**.

