Happy Father's Day!

(Now to get down to business...!)

"Fathers on earth, and our Father in heaven"

15* I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16* And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17* As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

Romans 7

- 18* I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

 19* For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.
- 20* Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
 - 21* So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

 Romans 7

Hebrews 12

• 9 ...we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

Hebrews 12

❖ 10* Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Hebrews 12

❖ 11* No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

John 20

Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

What is your experience with Fatherhood?

Choices

Seek the ideal

Live with a painful vacuum

Have you obtained family relationship with God as your Father through personal faith in Jesus?

God-Given Fatherhood

- Priestly
- Gentle
- Patient
- Peaceable
- Forgiving

- Instructing
- Loving
- Kind
- Restoring

Biblical Fathers

- Abraham
 - ❖ Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph
- Eli (failed as father of his natural sons, but a father figure to Samuel)

Our Personal Histories

- Childhood ball game
- Not-so-good 3rd grade experience
- Dad and Uncle with 16 year old son Stephen fishing outing



1968 Loon Lake, MN



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