

Sermon Notes

Being Dad-June 21, 2020

1 Thessalonians 2:7-13

Introduction

- Only 93 million Father's Day cards
- Father's Day started on June 19, 1910
- For some, Father's Day is difficult

God as Father

- Jesus calls God, "Abba" – reminds us that God is love
- Never at the expense of the feminine

Isaiah 66:13

1 Thessalonians 2:7

- Never abusive

Psalms 68:4-6

John 1:12-13

Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6

"Encouraging"

- Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 2:8; Colossians 4:8
- Surround correction with positive affirmation
- Children learn what their parents exemplify

"Comforting"

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- Means to "soothe" or "comfort"
- We are not to be "fixers" but comforters
- Story of Larry Taunton and Christopher Hitchens

"Urging"

- Actually means "testifying" – sacrificing our comforts for the sake of others
- Paul's background with the Thessalonians
- Experience of adopting our children 5 years ago

Father's Day is about the Gospel

- 1 John 4:9-10
- At the cross, God "signed the document" of commitment to us

