

## Sunday June 17, 2018 Father's Day 2018

The friendship of Jonathan and David was:

I. L\_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD

**“As soon as David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David.” (1Samuel 18:1)**

We must show our children and grandchildren U\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_.

“To know who you are, that you are loved and that someone is proud of you, are longings that speak to the foundation of who we are.

Right after His baptism, Jesus' Heavenly Father said: 'This is my Son, who I love; with Him I am well pleased.' That blessing was repeated later in Jesus' ministry at the transfiguration. It was 3-fold:

- The Blessing of IDENTITY – This is my Son
- The Blessing of AFFECTION – whom I love
- The Blessing of AFFIRMATION – with Him I am well pleased.

God also blesses us with IDENTITY, LOVE AND AFFIRMATION. God gives us the foundation to be a blessing to our children.

When we provide a secure environment for our children (and grandchildren) it gives them an atmosphere in which to grow, make mistakes, learn and find forgiveness.

They become confident and feel free to express their God-given gifts and abilities. When we help our children (and grandchildren) understand WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST, they will find a place of rest.” (JEFF STEARNS)

How do we do that?

1) P\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

2) P\_\_\_\_\_ GODLY DISCIPLINE

**Hebrews 12:9-11 ESV <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

3) P\_\_\_\_\_ them with F\_\_\_\_\_ and F\_\_\_\_\_  
“Reproof gives wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame.” (Proverbs  
29:15)

II. MARKED BY L\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Samuel 18:4 “Jonathan took the ROBE that was on him and gave it to David, and his ARMOUR, and even his SWORD and BOW and BELT.”**

As fathers, we want to S\_\_\_\_\_ our children on the path that will bring them to  
J\_\_\_\_\_ as S\_\_\_\_\_.

What if I’ve failed?

“Failure is a sure sign that you are human. Ask God to forgive you of your sins and failures as a father. Ask God to help you begin to be the father your children (need and) deserve – no matter what stage of life you are in.

2 Peter 1:3 says that God’s divine power gives us everything we need for life and godliness. Being honest about your failures is the beginning of a journey of redemption. Your kids still need you. Humble yourselves, pursue the heart of your children. (KIRK GILES, The Seasons of Fatherhood)

III. L\_\_\_\_\_