

After His Heart

A Transforming Process

- Accepted an invitation to read scripture front to back in a year.
- Had never done this in my life even though I grown up studying various subjects in scripture.
- Should not be our only studies.
- A very transforming and informative process.
- Led to a new ministry in my life.
- Reminded of an old country deacon. It helped to change my life and set my paths.

A Story of Faith

Genesis 12:1-4 - Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. (2) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (4) So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

A Story of Faith

- Hebrews 11:1-7 - Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (2) For by it the people of old received their commendation. (3) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (4) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. (5) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. (6) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (7) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

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- Hebrews 11:8-13 - By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. (10) For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. (11) By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. (12) Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. (13) These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

A Story of Faith

- Scripture is Father's will for us.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living (17) thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work.
- While we may not understand it all, we have to start somewhere. What a fun and exciting journey it is.

A Story of Love

Father's Love For Us

- John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed. (17) For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, the world might be saved.

A Story of Love

Father's Love For Us

God, Your heart... from the beginning
Every intention so easy to see
There You are... in the garden
I am hiding and You're chasing after me
And Your thoughts... never changing
Always breaking all the shame that covers me
(Remember What It Cost - JUDAH)

A Story of Love

Our Love for Father

- Matthew 22:36-37 - "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 - "(Sh'ma, Yisra'el! YHVH Eloheinu, YHVH echad) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart."

A Story of Love

Our Love for Father

- Deuteronomy 10:12-16 - “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, (13) and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? (14) Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. (15) Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. (16) Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

A Story of Love

Our Love for Neighbor (Others)

- Matthew 22:39-40 - “And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”
- Leviticus 19:17-18 - “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. (18) You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Passages of Scripture That Stands Out

- 1 Samuel 13:13-14 - And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. (14) But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.
- Acts 13:21-22 - Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. (22) And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 18 I love you, O LORD, my strength. (2) The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (3) I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. (4) The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; (5) the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. (6) In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. (7) Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. (8) Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. (9) He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. (10) He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 18 (11) He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. (12) Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds. (13) The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. (14) And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them. (15) Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. (16) He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. (17) He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. (18) They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. (19) He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me. (20) The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 18 (21) For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. (22) For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me. (23) I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt. (24) So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. (25) With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; (26) with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. (27) For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. (28) For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. (29) For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. (30) This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 18 (31) For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?— (32) the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. (33) He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. (34) He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. (35) You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. (36) You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip. (37) I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and did not turn back till they were consumed. (38) I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet. (39) For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me. (40) You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 18 (41) They cried for help, but there was none to save; they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them. (42) I beat them fine as dust before the wind; I cast them out like the mire of the streets. (43) You delivered me from strife with the people; you made me the head of the nations; people whom I had not known served me. (44) As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me; foreigners came cringing to me. (45) Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses. (46) The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation— (47) the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me, (48) who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence. (49) For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name. (50) Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

David's Love For Father

Who was Father to David?

- Is My Rock
- My Fortress
- My Deliver
- My God
- My Strength
- My Shield
- The Horn Of My Salvation
- My Stronghold

David's Love For Father

Points from Psalm 18

- Worthy To Be Praised
- He Heard My Voice
- He Bowed The Heavens And Came Down
- He Thundered From Heaven
- He Uttered His Voice
- He Sent Out Arrows
- He Scattered The Foe And Vanquished Them
- He Sent From Above

David's Love For Father

Points from Psalm 18

- He Took Me
- He Drew Me Out Of Many Waters
- He Delivered Me From My Strong Enemy
- He Was My Support
- He Brought Me Out Into A Broad Place
- He Delivered Me Because He Delighted In Me
- He Rewarded Me
- He Recompensed Me
- He Will Light My Lamp
- He Will Enlighten My Darkness

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 25 1-10 - Of David. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (2) O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. (3) Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. (4) Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. (5) Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. (6) Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. (7) Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! (8) Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (9) He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. (10) All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 25 11-22 For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (12) Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. (13) His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. (14) The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. (15) My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. (16) Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. (17) The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. (18) Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (19) Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. (20) Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. (21) May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. (22) Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 51:1-10 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (2) Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! (3) For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (4) Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. (5) Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (6) Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. (7) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (8) Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. (9) Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

David's Love For Father

- Psalms 51:11-19 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. (12) Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (13) Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. (14) Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. (15) O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (16) For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. (17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (18) Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; (19) then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Love For Father's Ways

- Psalms 119:97-105 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. (98) Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. (99) I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. (100) I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. (101) I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. (102) I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. (103) How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (104) Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Love For Father's Ways

- Psalms 119:106-112 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (106) I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules. (107) I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! (108) Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules. (109) I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. (110) The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. (111) Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. (112) I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Love For Father's Ways

- Psalms 119:145-152 - With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes. (146) I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies. (147) I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. (148) My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. (149) Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life. (150) They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose; they are far from your law. (151) But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true. (152) Long have I known from your testimonies that you have founded them forever.

Love For Father's Ways

- Deuteronomy 13:4 - You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.
- Deuteronomy 13:5 (CJB) - You are to follow Adonai your God, fear him, obey his mitzvot, listen to what he says, serve him and **cling** to him;
- Cling - Hold on tightly to.

Do We Consider: Father's Feelings

- Deuteronomy 5:28-29 And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. (29) **Oh that they had such a heart as this always**, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!
- Do we ever stop to think how our actions will affect Father? Will what we do end up hurting Him or will it glorify Him?

Do We Consider: Father's Feelings

- Psalm 78:39-43 - He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again. (40) How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert! (41) They tested God again and again and provoked the Holy One of Israel. (42) They did not remember his power or the day when he redeemed them from the foe, (43) when he performed his signs in Egypt and his marvels in the fields of Zoan.
- John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed. (17) For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, the world might be saved.

Do We Consider: Father's Feelings

You gave Your son... to die undeserving
To carry my burden and erase the veil between
And what can express what's running through Your head?
As You watched him on the tree on that hill
I'll never forget all that You did
'Cause You knew with His last breath
All of my sin would go with Him
(Remember What It Cost - JUDAH)

Do We Consider: Father's Feelings

And though You made it easy for me
How heavy was the cross?
Father, this gift You've given
I'll remember what it cost
(Remember What It Cost - JUDAH)

Why Seeking Father's Heart Is Important

- Jeremiah 17:9-10 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? (10) "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
- Proverbs 27:19 - As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.
- 1 Samuel 16:7 - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

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- Proverbs 3:3-6 - Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. (4) So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. (5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (6) In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- Ezekiel 36:26 - And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Jeremiah 29:13 - You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

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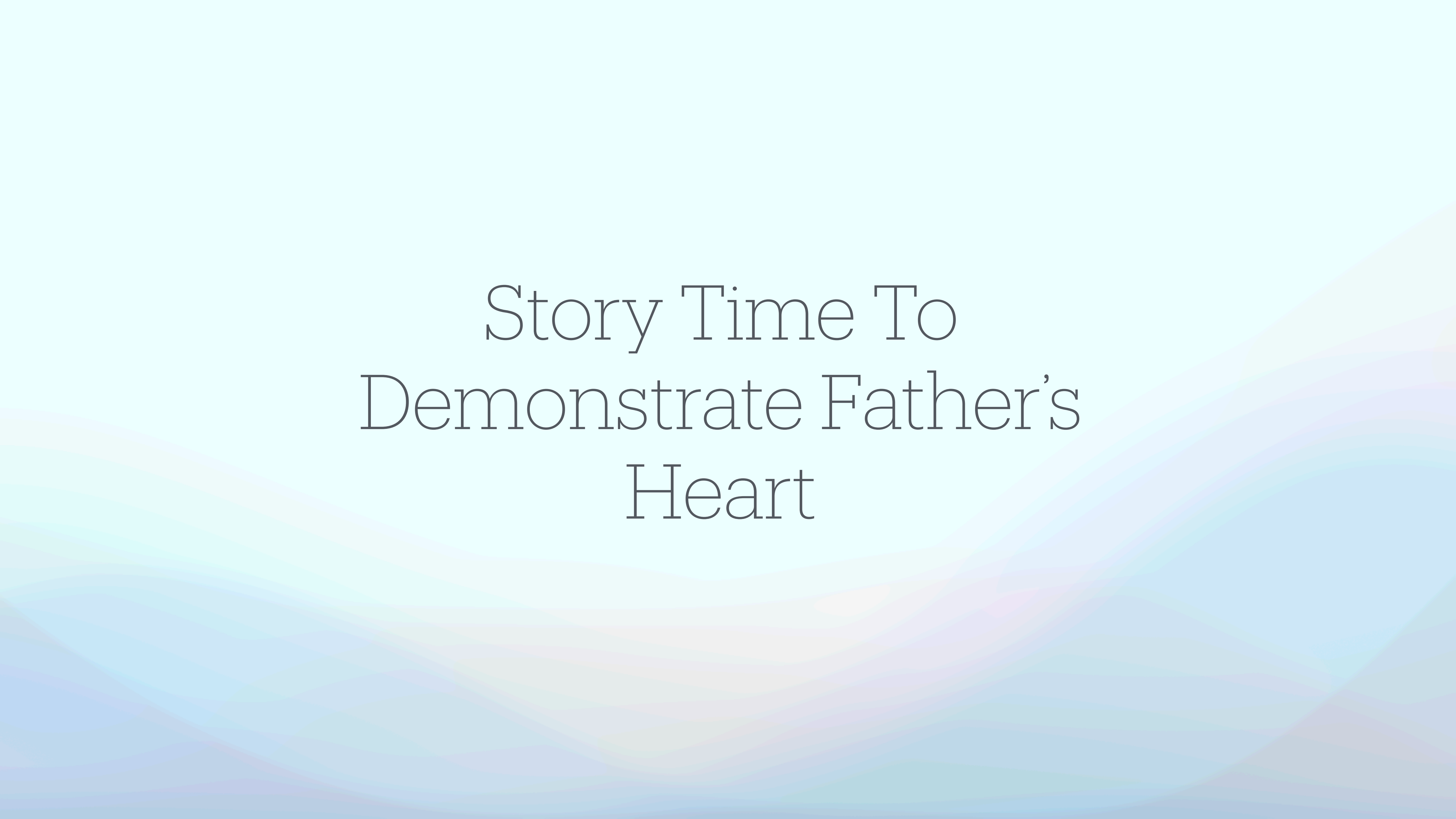
- Jeremiah 29:12-14 - Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. (13) You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (14) I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Father's People

- If we have sought the Father's heart we will be His people.
- Romans 10:8-10 - But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); (9) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (11) For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. (13) For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Father's People

- Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
- 1 Peter 2:9-12 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (11) Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. (12) Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.



Story Time To
Demonstrate Father's
Heart