

“Trust, Sticks, And Stones”

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What do Daniel, King David, Gideon, and Moses have in common?

Consider: each of these "heroes of old" faced seemingly impossible situations with little or no physical tools to assist them, trusted God despite the impossibilities, and God proved himself their glorious deliverer.

Daniel chose to trust God when he was given the choice to pray to the king or walk into the lion's den. God rewarded Daniel's commitment to him by closing the lions' mouths. ^{Daniel 6}

King David, as a young shepherd boy, was smaller (much smaller) than Goliath, poorly equipped (five stones and a sling) compared to Goliath, and not experienced on the field of battle, like Goliath was. What David had that Goliath did not have was faith in the One True God and trust that not only would God take care of him, but also that God would keep his promise to protect Israel and fight on Israel's behalf. ^{1 Samuel 17}



Notes:

Gideon saw himself as the least man of his family from the weakest clan in Manasseh, but the angel of the LORD addressed him as “Mighty Warrior.” He and the three hundred men God chose faced the Midianite army with jars and torches in their hands—and the Midianites were defeated! ^{Judges 6}

Moses was on the back side of the desert for 40 years, and “suddenly” the LORD sent him, with just a rod in his hand, before Pharaoh, and to lead the whole nation of Israel out of Egypt. ^{Exodus 4}

All of these men faced these daunting tasks knowing that God had called them to do what they were doing, and knowing that he was trustworthy. Go do likewise. Face what God called you to trusting God to provide what is needed.

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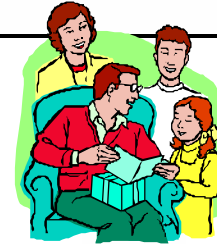
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“The Greatest Father!” (Teaching Sketch)

Genesis 5:1-24



It all started in the Garden of Eden long ago when God made man. Adam became a father. We learn then that there were many generations which followed. Each generation saw many children born to fathers through their wives.



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More Than A Male
Fathers are taught by fathers. A father is more than a male. Male is a biological fact but a father is a male who is involved in fathering. A father is a provider and a protector to his family. The spiritual, relational, emotional, cultural, social, educational, and commercial aspects of life are all a part of who a father is and what he does. Yes, it is true mothers are also involved in all these areas as well, but they have different emphases.

God As A Father
It is difficult to understand God as father if a person has never had a father in the home

who was loving and nurturing in the aspects of life. This is especially true if a male is to become a man who functions as a father. We first learn at home. It is, therefore, very important for a father to be present in the home. Today, we find there are many homes where there is no father present, as a result there is not a balance in parenting. It is very difficult for a mother to teach a young boy how to be a father. It is also difficult for a father to teach a girl how to be a mother. God designed the sexes to be “wired” differently and this difference is necessary in order to carry out the balance of life in the home.

This may seem a bit old-fashioned to some, or even to many, but that is God's design not mine so take the matter up with him. I'm just reporting God's plan.

Grace
The grace provided by God the Father can best be understood when there is a godly father in a home. One of the

Scripture:

Genesis 5:1-24^(NIV)

1 This is the written account of Adam's line.

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."^[a]

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father^[b] of Enosh. 7 And after he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. 10 And after he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13 And after he became the father of Maha-

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lalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. 16 And after he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 Altogether, Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. 19 And after he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Altogether, Jared lived 962 years, and then he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

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things discovered years ago is that women who grew up without a godly father had a great deal of difficulty in grasping the concept of God as father. Society today in its quest for equality of the sexes has misunderstood that there can be equality with role differentiation.

Fatherhood

Fatherhood needs to be encouraged, nurtured, and respected. This naturally requires those who are fathers to fulfill the role God designed for them.

Women need to recognize they are "wired" differently from men and respect the difference.

Godly men and women need to understand that children are best "raised up in the way they should go" by a godly father loving a godly mother. Both mothers and fathers need to realize children must see their parents' relationship as loving, respectful, and strong. It is through this observation and nurturing they will in turn duplicate God's pattern for mankind. Fathers heading a family as godly husbands and fathers are in the forefront of building Kingdom-centered homes.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

