



# FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE



## PRECEPT

### MATTHEW 1:16 - 19

<sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup> Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah. <sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

## PROMISE

We are living in a crisis right now; many children being raised without a father in their homes, or without a father figure mentoring them, loving them, and looking after them. One of the biggest crises right now in the world is absentee fathers. For this reason, we are to pray and create opportunities and programs in our ministries that will reach out to these children that don't have fathers.

The Bible talks about a man who was an unseen father. This father was on duty for the most important assignment anybody could ever imagine. He was called to be a father and perform his life and ministry at a time in a society when it was corrupt, cruel, and mean; Rome was on a rampage, Caesar was not a friend of his people, and Herod didn't love Israel. God needed a man and looked for a father, and the Bible tells us that He found such a man that was going to help impact the world. This man in the Bible then became the father that all history is indebted to. He was described being a righteous man (Matthew 1:19). If there's any quality that a father needs, it's righteousness, for it is the key to the heart of God. Fathers are called to a life of righteousness for this is what they will pass down through generations. You can be a father but surely be a much better father when you are righteous. Truly, fathers impact the world and they do it one child at a time; building line upon line and precept upon precept. Whether fathers are great or flawed, they help form us into the people we become. Upon hearing the news from Mary that she is with child, Joseph's heart was broken yet filled with compassion and mercy. He thought about Mary, and did not want to expose her to the public (verse 19). We can imagine how Joseph had an immense effect on Jesus with his relationship with him growing up. Joseph's character may have shaped Jesus and this is due to Joseph's righteousness.

**FATHERS ARE CALLED TO LOVE THEIR SPOUSE.** One of the most important things any father, any man, and any husband can do is to love their wife, the mother of their children. It may not sound profound, but in this broken world, families are torn apart and 50% of marriages end up in divorce, all because the father has a wandering eye and forgot his vows. 50% of the children in the world live in a house without a father, all because the father became selfish and said "this is about me." when in reality, he needed to say "this is about her." Fathers, go out of your way to love your wife and look after them.

**FATHERS ARE CALLED TO BE A SERVANT.** Understanding that marriage is about servanthood, fathers must always remember it's not just about them. Learn to be a servant; whatever it takes, and whatever God calls you to do, whether it's taking out the garbage, changing diapers, or rocking your babies to sleep. Not only that God called fathers to be servants, but most importantly God has given husbands the role of leader. Experiencing and knowing Christ means men can be the servant-leaders God has intended them to be.

## PRACTICE

**1. Righteousness.** How important it is to be righteous before God? What are some practical ways that we can pursue His righteousness?

**2. For Fathers.** How can you show your love to your spouse and children this week?

**For Mothers and Children.** How can you make your spouse/father feel special today?

## PRAYER

### I. Members

- Pray that we will be intentional in spending time in prayer and studying the Word of the Lord at all times.

### II. Young Adults Ministry

- Pray for the youth and young adults to step up in their faith and stand firm in the Word of God.

### III. Young Couples

- Pray for these couples as they lead the Young Couples groups: Oliveros and Imperial.

### IV. Young Once Ministry

- Pray for our coordinators Rene & Lita Alipao as they continue to lead this group.

### V. South Life Connections

- Pray for the Drapeza couple as they lead the South groups. Pray that more people in this area will be reached out.

### VI. East Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the East groups: Domingo and Torres.

### VII. West Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the West groups: Solidum and Fabregas.