**Father’s Day 2018**

**Message: A Father’s Most Distinguishing Feature**

1. **Scripturally, Dads Are Not Viewed As Pinch Hitters.**

***Ephesians 6:4***

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Father = a man fully engaged in his family with compassionate authority.

1. **Dad’s Vital Role Is That Of Showing Grace.**

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***1 Thessalonians 2:11-12***

*11For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

***Psalm 103:13-14***

*13As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
14for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

***1 Corinthians 16:13-14***

*13Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. 14Do everything in love.*

***Luke 15:20-24***

*“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

*21“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’*

*22“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*

1. **Christian Dads Are Doing So Much Right.**