

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

WE'RE THANKFUL FOR YOU



Why, a Father. . .

1 Thessalonians 2:6-12 (ESV)

***1 Thessalonians 2:6-12** Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

Paul uses an interesting metaphor to describe his ministry... that of a Father

How Does A Father Exemplify The Gospel?

1. A Father is an **EXHORTER**
 - a. Through Jesus the Holy Spirit exhorts us...
 - i. **John 14:26**

2. A Father is an **ENCOURAGER**
 - a. Through Jesus we live secure...
 - i. **Romans 8:37-39**

3. A Father is a **LAW GIVER**
 - a. Through Jesus we know the truth
 - i. **1 John 5:6-11**

4. A Father bestows **IDENTITY**
 - a. Through Jesus we know who we are
 - i. **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

A Father's love is a special kind of love

Have you embraced Father's love today?