

**Father's Day – The Heart of the Father**  
**First Christian Church—June 21, 2020**  
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**Love and Compassion from Dad**

The father's primary responsibility is to train their children in the fundamentals of practical life and covenant relationship with God. The goal of the average Hebrew family man in the first century was not the acquisition of great wealth or the achievement of power. It was to live a life of covenant faithfulness to the Lord and teach his family to do the same.

**Duet 6:5-9**

Whether your father did a good job or not you are obligated to honor him (start by not dishonoring).

**Eph 6:2-4**

A father's voice is very impactful---it can influence a child to do amazing things (it's like a steering wheel or a rudder) and the inverse of this statement is also true.

**2 Cor 1:3**

Compassion literally means "to suffer together." It is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering.

**GOD's Story– The heart of a Father – Luke 15:11-24**

- Who can you show compassion to?
- Who has shown compassion to you?
- What is stopping you from showing compassion?
- What will you do to show more compassion?

**Big Idea:**

The role of a father goes much further than being a catalyst for the birth of child ... the role of a Father sets a foundation of love, compassion and stability.... To reproduce the character of God in the generation that is following him.

**That's what's up!!**

(OT Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:18-19)