

## “Father’s Day: On Being Fathers and Children” (Ps 103:8-14; Ps 23)

- Fatherhood requires \_\_\_\_\_
- Fatherhood involves \_\_\_\_\_

God... our Heavenly Father – the Perfect Model for Believers

Today: Some aspects of Fatherhood as Revealed about our Heavenly Father in the Bible

### I. Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ with Your Children

#### A. Jesus’ Relationship to the Heavenly Father

1. Caring for Father’s Business (Luke 2:41-51)
2. Jesus’ Prayer to the Heavenly Father: Familial Intimacy – \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 14:36)

#### B. Your Relationship to your Children (Ps 103:8-14): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Intimacy requires a Genuine Desire to want to Know, and be Known \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ your Children by Unreasonable Demands/Severe Discipline
3. \_\_\_\_\_ how God chooses to deal with you in Grace...

Fathers, if you \_\_\_\_\_ God, and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Love by Emulating His Compassion and Grace in dealing with your Children; your Children will do the same

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Children (Psalm 23): Jehovah-Ruah – the Lord, my Shepherd

Many OT names for God can be identified in Psalm 23...

As Fathers, these Descriptions ought to Characterize your Responsibility to your Children:

#### A. Jehovah-Jireh (Gen 22:13–14): Our Heavenly Father \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 24:27)

#### B. Jehovah-Shammah (Ezek 48:35). Our Heavenly Father is \_\_\_\_\_ for us

Fathers, be Present and be Accessible to your Children!

#### C. Jehovah-Tsidkenu (Jer 23:6). Our Heavenly Father is a \_\_\_\_\_ God

When a Father knows, Obeys and is led by God’s Word, his Children will follow his steps and make God of their Fathers their Personal God as well

#### D. Jehovah-Rapha (Ex 15:26): Our Heavenly Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Children when they are Weary and Hurt

When Fathers have personally Experienced God’s Healing and Discipline, they’ll learn to apply it in Tenderness to their Children accordingly

#### E. Jehovah-Shalom (Jud 6:24): Our Heavenly Father grants \_\_\_\_\_ to His Children

When both Fathers and Children learn to Forgive and seek Reconciliation, families will be filled with Harmony and Peace

- Salute to all who Courageously and Faithfully serve as the Stand-in Fathers
- For younger Children: Follow the Pattern of Godly Fatherly Figures in your life
- Encouragement for Fathers (2 Cor 13:11)

Fathers: Cultivate Intimacy with your Children,  
and Shepherd them according to the Model of your Heavenly Father...