

Father and Home.

I see by

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I see by the Calender that Sunday is Father's day. It seems we make a lot of fuss over mother's day but not too much is said on Father's day.

I found an article from the Evangelical Beacon that very well describes a good Father and Husband.

The Proverbial Husband.

Now men, do you think you can live
up to that?

God instructed the ancient Israelite
to others how to teach their sons.
"and these words which I am
commanding you today, shall be in
your heart; and you shall teach them
diligently to your sons and shall
talk of them when you sit in your
house and when you walk by the way
and when you lie down and when you
rise up" Deut 6:6-7 "Only give heed to
yourself and keep your soul diligently, lest
you forget the things which your eyes
have seen and lest they depart from
your heart all the days of your life;
but make them known to your sons
and your grandsons!" Deut. 4:9

Paul instructed in Eph. 6:4 "and, fathers,
do not provoke your children to anger
but bring them up in the discipline and
instruction of the Lord." Paul encouraged
Timothy, "After, however, continue in the
things you have learned and become
convinced of, knowing from whom you have
learned them; and that from childhood you
have known the sacred writings which

to able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Tim. 3:14-15³

Rev. Billy Burke tells of a great thrill he had one night during summer camp; after all the boys in my cabin had gone to bed, I asked one of them to name the person who had influenced them to accept Christ as Savior. When it come time for my son, Jerry, to speak, he merely said: "Why Daddy, you know." How I replied because I had no way of knowing what he meant, "No, Jerry, I don't know!" Then he said: "Why, Daddy, it was you." Tears of joy and gratitude came down my cheeks in the dark of that cabin to realize that my own son was giving me personal credit for his accepting Jesus as his own personal Savior.

We as parents must realize that our children are not going to learn every spiritual lesson they need to know in Sunday School.

When we begin to teach God's word diligently to our children in the home, the number of children leaving home to

be unfaithful will decrease.

Here are ten precepts for Fathers.

This is the way to Bring Down a Son

This is the way to Bring Up a Son.

There is a saying that one good picture is worth a thousand words. I believe we as Fathers present a living picture to our children. They see us for what we really are not just what we say we are.

S. D. Gordon says. The real test of a man's life is in his home life. It is not what his lips say, nor is what his church profession may be, but in what he is, and in what he is in one place where his life comes out most plainly - the home. If there be a sloveny side, it will surely stick out here. If there be a sweet masterful keeping of the storms out of existence, as far as the eyes can see, it will be felt here. Character is not revealed best by public service or by church activities, nor by righting public evils, invaluable as all of this is. The real man may be found only at home. You don't know a man's character until you know his home life.

In the Bible we read of Abraham whom God said, "I know him for he will command his children after him and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement." Gen. 18:19

It seems that Abraham traveled with great flocks and herds and lived in tents but wherever he went he built an altar unto the Lord.

Men of character and strength still have their family altars not with animal sacrifices but with the reading and study of the word and prayers.

It is a privilege to speak to you
this week, ^I by means of Radio Station
you have been dear to my heart as I
have labored among you in the Communi-
the church and the school.

It is my greatest desire this week to be
of help to each and every one who
listens.

We have been hearing in the news
so much about the troubles, the heart
~~aches, and~~ ^{and} wars and the threat of wors.
I am reminded of what the prophet
Is. wrote in the 48 ch. and the 22 verse.
"There is no place saith the Lord unto
the wicked and 57: 20, 21 But the
wicked are like the troubled sea, when
it cannot rest, whose waters
cast up mire and dirt. There is
no place, saith my God, to the
wicked.

What we most desire today is
a world at peace, where nations
shall not rise against nations and
where we shall have peace and safety
and will not study war any
more.

Is ~~wrote in ch~~ prophesied in ch
9 v. 6 The coming of Jesus the

Prince of Peace.

When Jesus came to Earth. The people
that sat in darkness saw a great Light
they that dwelt in the land of the
shadow of death upon them both the
light shined.

The nation of Israel had been taken
over by the Romans and Israel was in
bondage to them.

Jesus came to bring peace to his
people but they would not accept
Him. as a result they suffered even
more and were scattered among the
nations of the world and were driven
out of their homeland.

Jesus is still the Prince of Peace.
If only we would accept Him
and his teaching, Wars would cease
Nations would be friends, Jails would
be empty, and ~~fall~~ many policemen
would be out of a job.
You might say, but I cannot
change the world, no but you can
have peace, you can have the assurance
that the things concerning you will
turn out alright. and you can
feel at ease in your mind and soul.

Song Oh the Peace that Jesus gives

—How can we have this peace.

1. By looking to Jesus the Prince of Peace.
And by having a right relationship with God.

Rom 5:1 says "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Our lives are sometimes like the disciples out in a boat on the ~~the~~
Sea of Galilee. A storm came up and they tried hard to row to land but could not. The waves were about to sink the boat. Jesus was asleep. In despair they awoke him and said "Master don't you care that we perish?" Then he arose and said to the sea "Peace be still" and immediately there was a great calm.

Often in life we try so hard to find safety and rest in our own strength and are disappointed, but when we cry out to Jesus he brings rest to our soul.

Jesus said, Come unto me all ye
that labor and our heavy burden and
I will give you rest.

In John 14:27 Jesus said. Peace I leave
with you, my peace I give unto
you; not as the world giveth, give
I unto you, let not your heart be
troubled neither let it be afraid.
~~I what on the conditions for peace~~
Loving God's law.

~~Ps 119:16~~ Great peace have they
which love thy law, and nothing
shall offend them.

~~I~~ as a small boy I used to kneel beside my
bed at night and pray the prayer
many of you have prayed. Now
I lay me down to sleep. I pray
thee Lord my soul to keep. If
I should die before I wake I
pray the Lord my soul to take
all this I ask for Jesus sake amen.
but when I come to the port
about it I should die before
I wake I was troubled

— So many hearts are bleeding today⁵
so many homes are broken. Husbands
and wives separated and the children
are tossed to and fro. Dream castles
of love and happiness have been
wrecked and loneliness has taken
over. In order for this not to
happen, Jesus must be given
1st place. I think how true
the motto I have seen, The home
that prays together, stays together.

The conditions for peace are
found in Ps 119:165 Great
peace have they which love thy
law and nothing shall offend
them.

as a small boy I used to kneel
beside my bed at night and pray
the prayer many of you were taught
to pray by your mother. Now I lay
me down to sleep, I pray thee Lord
my soul to keep, & I should die
before I wake, I pray the Lord my
soul to take, all this I ask for Jesus
sake amen.

but when I came to the port ~~before~~
If I should die before I woke I
was troubled because I was not
sure I was ready to meet God.

When I was saved it was different.
like ps. 4:8 I will lay you down
in peace, and sleep: for thou Lord, only
makest me dwell in safety.

Salter in life when I was in
the war over in New Guinea. One
night another boy and I were in
a dangerous situation. we climbed
up into a trailer and got under
a torpolon to find shelter from the
rain and to hide from the enemy.
as we were hiding there my friend
said to me. We might not live
till morning so just in case I
want you to write some things
to my parents and my girl friend.
when he had finished I said now
this is what I would like for you
to write to my parents and girl
friend if I should be killed. say
that I died a Christian. while I
was talking I felt a great flood
of peace in my soul and ~~say~~ the
assurance that all was well with my soul.

So right there I had peace even 7
in the midst of war.

Peace comes only to those whose
mind is stayed on the Lord and are
trusting in him with all their
heart.

If you don't have this peace, why
not come to Jesus today.

Four facts of faith.

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This morning I am reading to you from the book of Heb. Ch 11 v 29 - 40 beginning with This is a great ch on faith ~~and~~ we know that without faith it is impossible to please God. Yet there are some things that are misunderstood about faith. There are four facts of faith that I believe will help us this morning. The first one is: Faith sometimes changes our circumstances.

God is able to perform great miracles for us through faith. v 29 - 35 gives us examples of some of the great deeds of faith in the Bible. By faith the children of Israel passed through the red sea as on dry land but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. Through faith kingsdoms were conquered, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, escaped the edge of the sword, weakness was turned to strength; and become powerful

in battle and defeated foreign armies
Women received back their dead raised
to life again.

Yes, the Bible gives an accurate account
of so many miracles that have come
about through faith. but I want
you to notice that: ~~Faith does~~
~~not. Sometimes does not~~ change
our circumstances.

I am reminded of a great woman
of faith at our church headquarters
in Marion, Indiana. Beth Sawyer
wife of Bro. Joe Sawyer, ^{who is} Head of Extension
and Evangelism. ~~She found out~~ She
had cancer and when she received
this news she quoted scripture
for about 20 minutes assured
that God was going to heal
her. Many friends were praying 4 hrs
around the clock for her healing
but she died. She had great faith
but it seemed like God did not
answer prayer.

In Peru in May 1970 they had one
of the worst earthquakes known
in the history of mankind. 50,000
people were killed. the avalanche
coming from those mountains lately
buried people alive. One reporter
who

Stood watching said people ~~plately~~ 3
grabed each other by the hand and
looked up ^{and prayed} for mercy and compassion.
He finished the story by saying, and
God did not hear them.

In Siagon a couple of years ago
many poor people were dying with
menengitis in the little shacks. and
the penicillin had been siphoned off to
the flock market there was not
enough to go around. an 8 year
old boy looked at his daddy and
said, "Can't God do anything about
that."

Now doubt every one listening
today that loves God with all
your heart ~~has~~ ^{I have} prayed earnestly
for something but it didn't come
to pass. Has this fact shattered
your faith?

Notice the last part of this great
ch on faith, starting with the last part
of v 35 and others were tortured, not
accepting deliverance; that they might obtain
a better resurrection; and others had trial
of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea,
moreover of bonds and imprisonment
they were stoned, they were sawn asunder

were tempted were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute afflicted tormented.

~~I want you to notice~~ It is important to notice in v. 3 & these also obtained a good report through faith. but Daniel was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. Christians in the Colosseum ~~persecution~~ at Rome died by the mouths of lions. The three Hebrew boys were delivered out of the fiery furnace but Christians in Rome were burned at the stake.

Elijah was able to call down fire from heaven and destroy his enemies but

Stephen was stoned to death by his enemies. We can see that those whose circumstance ^{we cannot change} and ^{God just as much as the one} ~~and~~ ^{and know} ^{as much as the one} ^{who saw great trouble} blessed is the person who is not upset by the way God runs his business.

Blessed is he that will have faith and trust God no matter what comes, even when ~~God does not change his circumstance~~

Faith does not question God and judge him harshly. Even the Great apostle Paul was not healed of his infirmity though he asked the Lord three times. Just remember this fact of faith.

Faith always leads to ultimate victory

Circumstances need never separate the child of God from God.

Now the last ^{important} fact of faith I want you
to know is. Faith always leads to
ultimate victory.

Rom. 8: 28 is always true "For we know
that all things work together for good
to them that love God."

Job said "Tho He slay me, yet still
I serve him. Everything seemed to have
gone dead wrong but things finally
turned out alright, and he had twice
as much as he had before." ^{will}

There is always final victory in
Jesus. This is the victory that over -
cometh the world, even our faith.

Faith sometimes changes our circumstances
Faith sometimes does not change our

Faith ~~sometimes~~ does not question God
and judges him harshly.

Faith always leads to ultimate
victory.

When we stand before God, we
will not be judged according
to what merely we have performed,
but according to our trust in
God that His way is best and

according to our submissiveness to his divine will. Let us not question God but always be willing to say, Thy
will be done. as Jesus did

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