

Today's Sermon

Speaker : Pastor David Kerk

Title: A Father's Footsteps – What will your legacy be?

Key Text : 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

“You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting, urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory”

Other Scripture Texts:

2 Timothy 2:2, John 14:1-14, Mark 4:2-8

Key Thot: What will your legacy be?

Main Points:

1. Parenthood begins with connecting with our Creator
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 - 1.2
2. Parenthood begins with Personhood
 - 2.1
 - 2.2
3. Parenthood begins with connecting with our Children
 - 3.1
 - 3.2

Reflections on this message:

Parenthood (be it biological parents or spiritual parents) is a powerful image. Beside all this, parent is aware that spiritually, the picture that his children have of their Father God is strongly impacted by how well he as parent does his job as a Parent.

God is counting on you! You have an indispensable position in the kingdom of God! God has given you an important part to play.

The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

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Modern day fathers can be lenient to their children. Leniency must not be at an expense of disservice to the children. Such a parent was Manohah, father of Samson, who allowed his son to marry the woman of his choice, though she was of a Philistine nationality a Jew was forbidden to marry. As a consequence, Samson suffered both shame and pain, and eventually forfeited his life. Unfortunate is the lenient father and equally unfortunate is the child. Read Judges 13

There is character that the fathers should covet: Godlike. “Impossible!” we may say. My fellow brothers, be encouraged in our Lord for we have a Perfect God to us His children. He is our benchmark for the christian fathers. Men cannot and should not try to play god to their children, but certainly everyone should strive to be Godlike in Love, Tenderness, Compassion, Wisdom, Impartiality, Patience, Tolerance & Justice.

Finally, a blessed Father Day to all those “spiritual” and biological fathers in church of sengkang. With His help, we will covet after Godlikeness in christian fathering. May our good Lord empower us, fathers.

Like God our Father
Like Christ His Son

Pastor David Kerk
God Has Not Finished
With me Yet!

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I Am Just Like My Father!

Why not begin this Father's Day with this Prayer, “Dear Lord, help me to be to my children the type of father, You are to me.

Only You, my God, are worthy to be called Father, for the greatest Love a Father was manifested through Your Son for our salvation.

I cannot conceive what it meant to send a Son to take upon him our human nature and deliver him to the torture of the cross. Such LOVE is beyond my understanding.

O Lord, help to Love, Care, Protect, Provide and Serve You in my children. May Your Holy Spirit endow me with gentleness and strength to be a Loving father to my children, so that they, too will grow in faith, will rejoice as they see You in me as their father worthy of Your Name, Help me Lord”

Permit me share a few thoughts on this Father's Day Celebration. By His Grace, I am a father to two God-given children. As I look back on the years of fathering, I am grateful to our God that He has turned many of mistakes into mastery, blunders into beauty and disappointments into delights. Through His abundant grace I have tried to live up my responsibility as a lovable, kind or helpful or providing father to them.

One outstanding parent who is prominent in Bible history of a concerned father is David. In spite of the rebellious character of his son Absalom, David cherished him dearly and yearned over him. When Absalom rebelled, David gave these orders to his army: “Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom” read 2 Samuel 18:5

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Reflection on Our Mission Trip to Philippines

Luke 18:27 Jesus replied, "what is impossible with men is possible with God". I thanked God I can go this mission trip after my leave application submitted one month ago was only approved on Friday 22 May '09. I learnt the importance of submitting to the authority above me. Read Hebrews 13:15-17. At mission trip I experienced personal breakthrough in the preaching God's word (my 1st time) at Daclapan home cell. I also witnessed brethren exercising their faith by stepping out to serve the Lord. It's all by His Grace and not human effort. Praise the Lord!

Sis Sandy

The trip to Philippines had been a fruitful one. From the start, I was reluctant to commit myself to the Lord for the trip. I did not understand or foresee what the Lord can make use of me for the trip. I have neither singing or musical talent to contribute to the team. However, this trip had opened up my eyes to see many things and works that can only be moved by our God. "God does not call the equipped, but He equips the called." I am faithfully looking forward to another such trip.

Bro Justyn

On the first day of the trip I was shocked by the intensely busy schedule and the challenges God was asking us to embrace. But as the days passed, I was encouraged by the strong synergy in the team and touched by the growing presence of the holy spirit as we united in worship, shared testimonies, preached sermons and God's Word to children, youth, elderly and prisoners. Towards the end of the mission trip, we could sense an inner strength amongst us; I felt completely comforted by God's amazing grace and guidance. This trip has taught me many things, but the greatest change in my life now is a deeper desire to serve (whole heartedly) and a burning ambition to bless the poor with the Good News that Jesus is our and their Saviour.

Bro James Browning

This mission trip I heard how Jimmy had been saved from an abandoned child, now a child of God and faithfully serving God. My heart went out to two little children standing at the market selling plastic bags and the Vigan City prisoners. I am so blessed. I must share with people about Jesus Christ. I want to follow & put to practice every one of his commands and obey his law.

Sis Florence Goh

Luke 18:16 "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God." On Saturday 30 May '09 in the outskirts of Cabugao, more than 200 hundred children came. Through all the 16 brethrens, the love of Christ reached out & ministered to these children by singing songs of praise and worship, by storytelling of Noah's Ark and colouring materials. Gifts of plastic folder, pencil cases, Polo bags, candies, biscuits, food and soft drinks were given out much to the joy and excitement of the children and parents. Praise the Lord!

Sis Cynthia

Before I went for this mission trip, I didn't like to read the bible. No matter how my parents forced me to read the bible, I will not read the bible. But after this trip, I started to read the bible everyday and do my morning devotion daily. Seeing the unfortunate children, makes me think that I'm very fortunate to have my parents and able to go to school. I have decided to study hard for my studies. This mission trip taught me to be more sensible, mature, hardworking, and learned how to rely on God.

Sis Pei Jun

Thank God I went for this mission trip. I have learnt so much from each and every team members' devotional sharing. Most importantly, I am touched by our team spirit. Praise the Lord for His presence was with us and everything went on smoothly.

Sis Mei Chan

This mission trip allows me to experience the God's wondrous ways and cunning ways of devil. We must not let off our guards when there is spiritual victory of joys as it is also opportunity for the devil to invade. I learned to be alert and watchful at all times.

Bro Peter Tan

"Praise the Lord!" Never have I used these 3 words more than 3 times in my life. Surprisingly, during this trip, I found myself saying it more than 20 times. These 3 words taught me His glory, His grace and His mercy. I saw the wonderful things God had created, and witness His living testimonies. The daily devotional sharing from the brethrens were very helpful as their sharing reminded me of how great our God is, how He has been watching over us and most importantly how He has helped us through our individual struggles. Before this trip, Praise & Worship had always been nerve-wrecking for me & I had trouble leading free worship in between songs. However, during the Youth Ministry when I led the Praise & Worship, I found myself totally relaxed and also did a free worship for the Lord! The feeling was so amazing so overwhelming, and so touched by what He had planned for me. All praise and glory unto Him, and last but not least... Praise the Lord!

Sis Kaelyn Tan



GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME - That's our theme for this 9 days mission trip to Cabugao, Philippines. Indeed, our God is Good All the time. The Lord's favour was upon all of us during the trip. His spirit was hovering around us whenever we land our footsteps. We saw in excess of 50 kgs of baggages passed through without additional charges and all baggage were checked in all the way to Laoag Domestic Airport. We were provided with free breakfast and free extra bedding for our accommodation. What's amazing is we ended up with a budget surplus which should not be the case. Brethren from as young as 13 years to 69 years were sharing their personal struggles and experiences with the Lord during the morning and night devotional sharing. I can only say what a joy to see brethrens making a comeback, renewing their faith, drawing close to the Lord and establishing a pattern of devotional time in the last 9 days. All the brethrens were exercising their areas of gifting as a body of Christ and the spirit of unity were so evident and whenever we land our footsteps many young and old were touched by God's power. One unforgettable and moving scene was at Vigan Prison cell when we felt the power of the Holy Spirit were sweeping across the entire cell area touching the inmates and our brethrens as our Pastor David Kerk preached and knelt with all brethrens to our God. Many were moved to tears and many responded to the altar call. It is Only by His Grace alone that we can serve Him - what an honour and privilege to be part of this mission trip. Our God is an Awesome God. Glory to God in the Highest! AMEN.

Sis Lay Sim

"God is good, all the time!" I agree! He has seen us through every step that we take and to minister to his people. He has taught me to do things with love and compassion for people. Depend on God always in everything and He will definitely do the rest! All Glory to God!

Sis Grace Ang