



No intro – video father's day

Father-Children Relationship

1THESSALONIANS 2

¹⁰ You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we **behaved ourselves** among you who believe; ¹¹ as you know how we **exhorted**, and **comforted**, and **charged** every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.



Father & Children Relationship is a **unique relationship!**

Why? **MAN v.s. FATHER** – being a strong man is not automatically being a good father

1. Father will never be able to completely understand the feeling of having the kids inside the womb and take it together with him wherever he goes, not only for 1 day, but it happened for 9 months! Somehow this situation may result in **different approach** between a father and a mother toward their children. It may create a different stage of sense of belonging & attachment as well.
2. Husband and wife relationship is commenced with a strong commitment of true love and Jesus said: they are no longer two but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate *Mat.19:6*. It will be more easy for a husband to understand that his wife is different with him, but **because of love** he wants to be united forever with his wife.

But relationship with children is different! Mostly

there will be **so many expectations** because father think that his children coming out from his seed and **out from his will** *Jn.1:12-13*.

(But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of **the will of the flesh**, nor of **the will of man**, but of God.)

And whenever the expectations could not be met, the problem start to build up!

3. With all responsibilities and burdens in the shoulder of a father, together with **any limitation of a character** in a father, it will easily trap any father in a ***silent*** yet ***deep*** depression. And it will create a circle of destruction within any family. Moreover when the position of the father in any family then over-pressured, intimidated, humiliated,

With all of those unique, and sometimes unsolved, nature features of a father, not all people is fortunate enough to have a good father that bring them to Jesus. But Paul, together with his fellow workers in Christ, had showed us how to be **a good spiritual father**, and also **a good biological father** as well. So that we can go beyond all of those unique features that may create a stumbling stone for a healthy and strong relationship between father and his children.

Note: the 1st letter to the Thessalonians was written from Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy 1Thes.1:1

Paul mentioned 4 things that he did as a good spiritual

father:

1. How he and his fellow workers **behaved** themselves
2. Exhort
3. Comfort
4. Charge

We will also extend our learning from another book of the Bible so that we can understand how to be a 5-star spiritual father.

This is not only for a biological father, but also for all of us so that believers can have the heart of a father, so that as the body of Christ we will be able to help all fathers to fulfil their calling.

1CORINTHIANS 4

¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have **begotten you through the gospel.**

¹⁶ Therefore I urge you, imitate me.



1st Spiritual Encounter



JOB 3

¹¹ “Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb? ¹² Why did **the knees receive me**? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

GENESIS 50

²³ Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also **brought up on Joseph’s knees.**



Spiritual Life Mentor



JOHN 5

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.**

²⁰ For **the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;** and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

1CORINTHIANS 11

¹ Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 4

⁹ The things which you **learned and received and heard and saw in me,** these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Mentors do not necessarily have to be more senior than the people they **mentor**.

Mentor is something more rather than a teacher. Being a mentor means that we must also do what we teach.



Spiritual Trainer

HEBREWS 12

⁹ Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not **much more readily** be in subjection to the **Father of spirits and live**? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He **for our profit**, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. ¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but **painful**; nevertheless, afterward it yields the **peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.

1CORINTHIANS 4

²¹ What do you want? Shall I come to you with a **rod**, or in **love** and a **spirit of gentleness**?

PROVERBS 23

¹³ Do not withhold **correction** from a child, for if you beat him with a **rod**, he will not die. ¹⁴ You shall beat him with a **rod**, and deliver his soul from hell.

Correction, or disciplinary, is **a must thing**.

Pro.13:24 He who spares his **rod** hates his son, but he who **loves** him **disciplines him promptly**.

Pro.22:15 Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; **the rod of correction** will drive it far from him.

Pro.29:15 The **rod and rebuke** give **wisdom**, but a child left to himself **brings shame** to his mother.

Spiritual Comforter

MATTHEW 3



¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is **My beloved Son**, in whom **I am well pleased.**”

MATTHEW 17

⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is **My beloved Son**, in whom **I am well pleased.** Hear Him!”



Spiritual Heritage ★★★★★



ROMANS 8

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**,
¹⁷ and if children, then **heirs—**
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

ACTS 20

²⁵ “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore **I testify to you this day** that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you **the whole counsel of God**.

***Illustrations:** giving fish and fishing rod*

Doing fatherhood in a purposeful way by knowing that we are not always having **that full capacity** (power, moment, strength, knowledge) to be in the side of our kids forever!

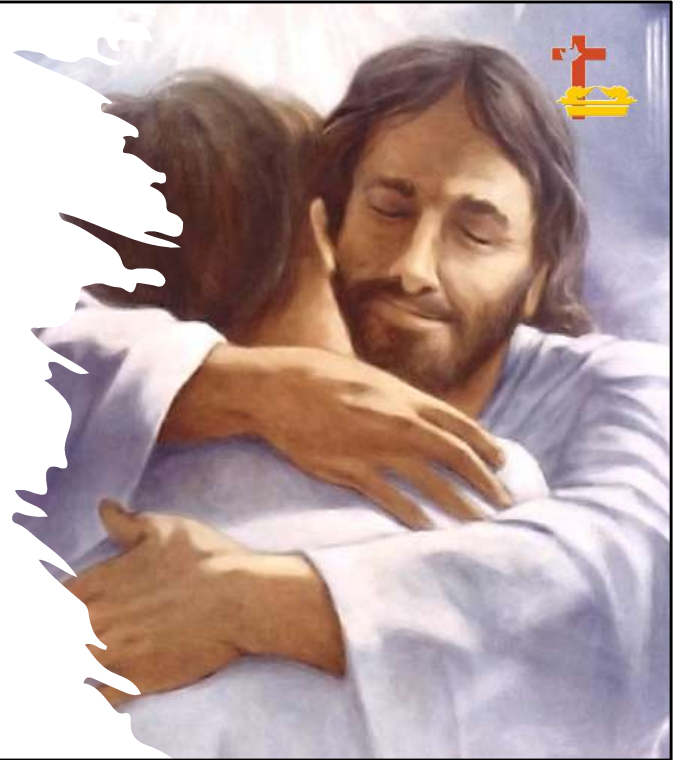
Paul, as a spiritual father, always maximise the opportunity to declare the whole counsel of God.

5-star Father

GALATIANS 4

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, **“Abba, Father!”**

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



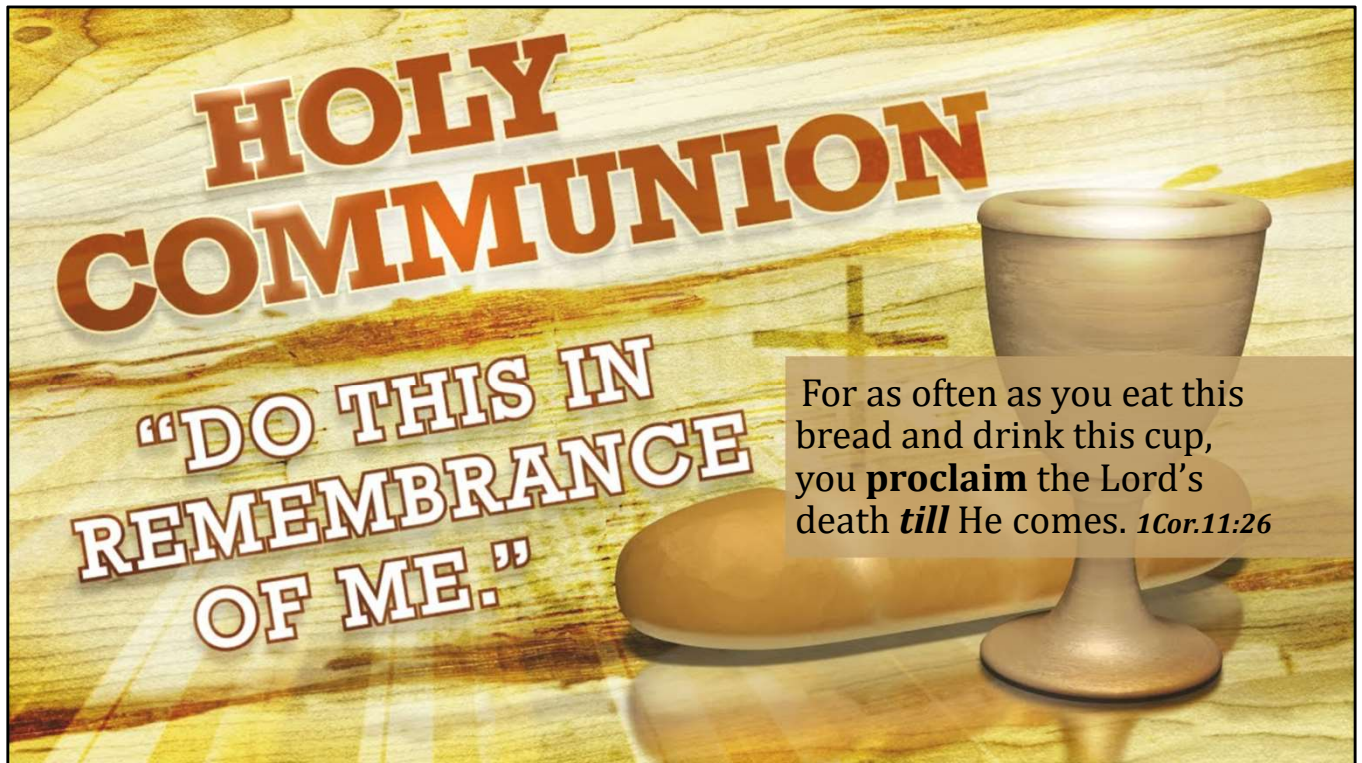
5-star Father:

1. Bring people to **the spiritual encounter** with Jesus
2. Be **the spiritual-life mentor**, not just a teacher in the classroom setting
3. Be **the spiritual trainer**, that ready to rebuke and correct with love
4. Be **the spiritual comforter**, giving appreciation and praise from the bottom of our heart
5. Preparing **the spiritual heritage**

Rom.8:15-16

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,



For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim** the Lord's death **till** He comes. *1Cor.11:26*

Holy Communion is only for those who already baptised in the water. If there is anyone want to commit their life in Jesus, receiving Jesus as the Saviour in their life, please feel free to call us the pastoral team so that we can help you with that commitment and go together with you in that journey of faith and prepare for the water baptism.

1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **"Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



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