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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

6/1 Psalms 3; 2 Samuel 15-16; Psalms 70-71
6/2 2 Samuel 17-18; 2 John 1; Psalms 86
6/3 2 Samuel 19; 3 John 1; Psalms 34
6/4 2 Samuel 20-21; 1 Corinthians 1
6/5 2 Samuel 22; Psalms 144; 1 Corinthians 2
6/6 2 Samuel 23-24; 1 Corinthians 3
6/7 1 Kings 1; 1 Corinthians 4
6/8 1 Kings 2-3; 1 Corinthians 5
6/9 1 Kings 4-5; 1 Corinthians 6
6/10 1 Kings 6; 1 Corinthians 7
6/11 1 Kings 7; 1 Corinthians 8
6/12 1 Kings 8; 1 Corinthians 9
6/13 1 Kings 9-10; 1 Corinthians 10
6/14 1 Kings 11; 1 Corinthians 11
6/15 1 Kings 12-13; 1 Corinthians 12

6/16 1 Kings 14-15; 1 Corinthians 13
6/17 1 Kings 16; 1 Corinthians 14
6/18 1 Kings 17; 1 Corinthians 15
6/19 1 Kings 18-19; 1 Corinthians 16
6/20 1 Kings 20; Mark 1
6/21 Psalms 94; 1 Kings 21; Mark 2
6/22 1 Kings 22; 2 Kings 1; Mark 3
6/23 2 Kings 2-3; Mark 4
6/24 2 Kings 4; Mark 5
6/25 2 Kings 5; Mark 6
6/26 2 Kings 6; Mark 7
6/27 2 Kings 7-8; Mark 8
6/28 2 Kings 9; Mark 9
6/29 2 Kings 10; Mark 10
6/30 2 Kings 11-12; Mark 11

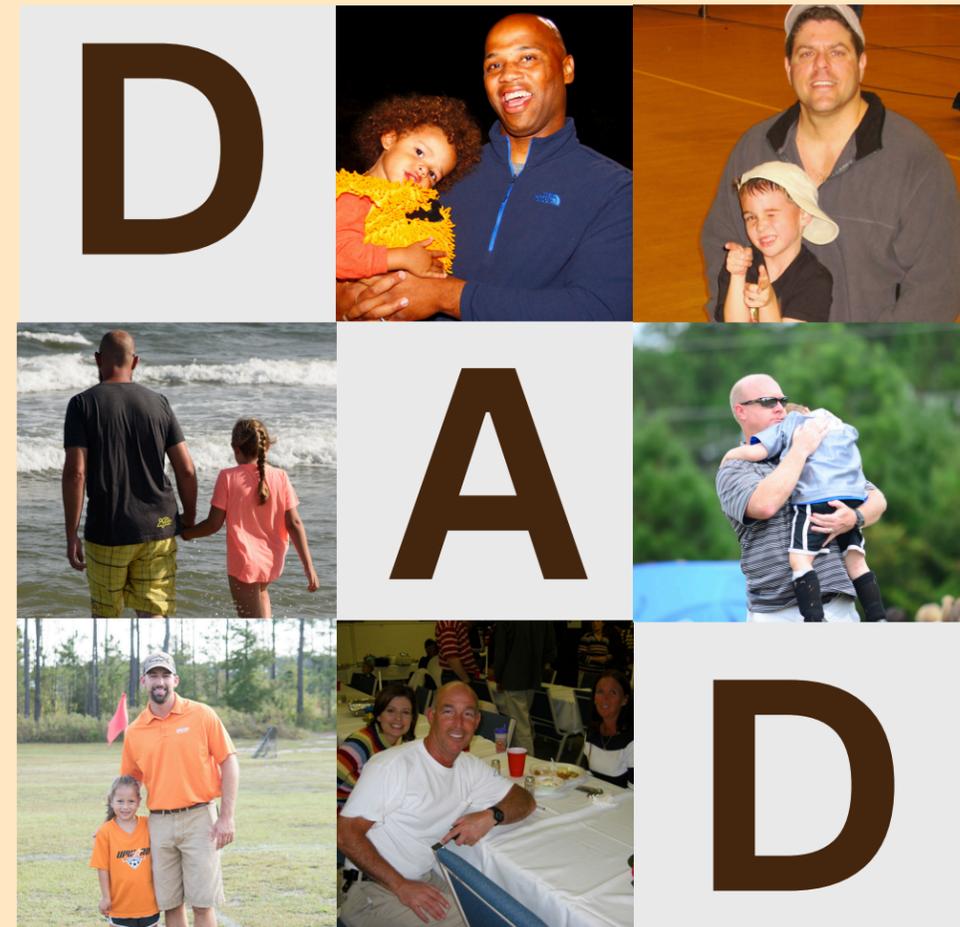
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Events

- June 1st - Grad Sunday
 - June 1st 6p - Purity Ceremony
 - June 8th - Baptism Sunday
 - June 11th 6-8p - Family Fun Night Water Night
 - June 14th - Cars & Coffee
 - June 14th - 18th - Centrifuge Youth Summer Camp
 - June 16th 6:30-8:30p - Men's Ministry Meeting
 - June 20th - 22nd - Centrikid Kids Summer Camp
 - June 22nd- 26th 6:30-8:30p- Vacation Bible School
- thefbcs.com/vbs

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

GOD, SINGLE PARENTS, AND THE LEGACY WE LEAVE

Quietly, in her sleep, my mom stepped into eternity around 8:40 AM Monday, May 19.

Many years prior to that day, she described her home-going celebration. She had solo-parented for 59 years. So, when the time came, she wanted only her sons and their families, and maybe a few close friends and relatives, to be there on that day.

Why? Because we are her legacy, her life's greatest investment, and the living reflection of who she was. We are the people who knew her best.

Solo parenting

Hollywood glamorizes single parenting, usually by actresses or characters who claim they can have it all and can do it all. It's a self-centered perspective that serves as propaganda for a version of parenting that's materialistic and selfish.

But the truth is, no one should aspire to single parenting. Just ask single parents. Especially single mothers. Raising children within the biblical structure of the family should be our aspiration.

Even so, divorce or the death of a spouse regularly thrusts moms and dads into the role of solo parenting. Some crumble, overwhelmed by the task or too self-absorbed to rise to the occasion.

But other parents, like my mother, lean in. Though they may not have asked for this role, and though they may be suffering through the loss of a marriage or a spouse, they know that the kids matter most. They adjust to this season with grace, grit, and godliness. Their children become the focal point of their lives, and they are willing to sacrifice even the most basic personal pleasures to raise their children in a loving and solid household.

Solo parents in the Bible

In the times of the Bible, solo parenting wasn't as prevalent as it is today. But that makes it more amazing that God intentionally preserves for us stories of single moms. These stories are made even more significant from the fact that men dominated society in the ancient world. By including these stories without comment or equivocation, God teaches that parents who happen to be single are no less significant as human beings, as parents, or as believers than everyone else. Rather than ignore them or dismiss them or condemn them, God gives value to them by His interaction with them, and He holds solo parents to the same standards as all parents.

The Bible doesn't record if these moms married again, but intentionally preserves their stories when they are parenting alone. And each example provides a message for today's solo parent who is dedicated to Him.

• Hagar (Gen. 16). Mistreated by Sarah and Abraham (not their finest moment), she fled into the wilderness with her son, Ishmael.

But God comes to Hagar there, in her darkest time, and, though she does not replace Sarah in the lineage of God's promise, He provides for her a promise of her own, and He issues a command she must obey.



The message: God knows where you are, and He has a plan for you. He will be there in your darkest time. Don't give up but trust Him for your future.

• The Widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). Jesus was walking with His disciples through a town called Nain when He came upon a funeral procession. Luke says that the deceased man "was his mother's only son, and she was a widow."

While she is grieving the loss of her husband, her only son dies. The death of a child is devastating enough, but since this is her only son, it also means that, as a single woman of the time, she could be financially destitute.

Then the Bible says, "the Lord saw her and had compassion on her." Jesus stopped the procession, raised the young man back to life, and "gave him to his mother." Why? Simple. She needed her son.

The message: God knows your pain and He knows what you need. He cares for you and will provide for you. Trust Him to take care of you.

• Mary. Sometime after Jesus' 12th year (Luke 2:41-50), Joseph drops out of the story. Scholars agree that his absence from the remainder of Jesus' life likely indicates that he passed away.

Remember, Jesus was the oldest of Mary's children. So, He became the head of the household after his father's death. The Bible doesn't list them, but we know He had several younger siblings (Matt. 12:46, 13:56, Acts 1:14, Gal 1:19).

Every depiction of Mary shows her as a strong and godly mother who adjusted her life to single parenting. She appears frequently in the Gospels, sometimes struggling with doubts about Jesus and His ministry, but always supportive and loving, cultivating her own faith, too (John 2:1-12). Ultimately, she fully embraced Him as her Lord and Savior.

The message: Stay the course. God has a plan for you and your children bigger than you can see now, and if you trust Him with your children, you will see His work in their lives and in yours.

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What can we do

Like any parents who strive to do it right, single parents need compassion, care, support, fellowship, and prayers. Christianity advocates for the family, and we should embrace parenting that aspires to biblical family values, whether there is one parent at home or two.

But look around. How many single parents, especially solo moms, do you see in church on Sunday or Wednesday night? When was the last time you and your family befriended a young, solo mom? Are there solo parents in your Bible study or Sunday School class?

Imagine wrestling with kids alone, week after week, day after day. It's tough enough to do it every day for school. And then we want the single parent to wake up Sunday and do it again? It's tougher than you know.

Single parents tend to feel isolated and lonely, and they often are. So, if you know a single parent, reach out.

Maybe they can join you and your kids for an outing or a summer Family Night at church. Or join you in serving the Lord through the ministries of our church.

Maybe drop a note of encouragement or offer a seat in worship. Maybe babysit for a day so they can run errands, or so they can join a D4 group. Be available to answer questions or provide mentoring.

Pray about ways to support solo parents. Like any other parent, solo parents aspire to be the best parent they can be in the season they are in.

Because they know, just like every parent does, they are raising children who will be their legacy. Let's help them do it.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

"The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him."

Psalms 103:13

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