

Strengthening Our Relationship With Our Father

Today is Father's Day. It is a day when we make a concerted effort to call, visit or remember our Dad. Even though we appreciate him every day Father's Day is the special day set aside to make that extra effort. Fathers are important to our growing up to be the person that would make Dad proud.

Jesus was the perfect example of a son who sought a close relationship with his Father. Everything Jesus did was done out of loyalty and obedience to his Heavenly Father. He didn't act without consulting his Heavenly Father.

Here are some of the characteristics of the relationship of Jesus with His Heavenly Father:

- **Jesus sought to be a reflection of his Father.** *Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does" (John 17:19).*
- **Jesus knew of his Father's love for him.** *For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does... (John 5:20).*
- **Jesus worked closely with his Father.** *For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. (John 5:21).*
- **Jesus lives for his Father's will.** *"...I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me" (John 5:30).*



As we know, Jesus performed many miracles and healed many people. He didn't do these things just because they were great causes. What he did was a natural outcome of His obedience to the Father. *"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work (John 4:34).*

On this Father's Day my prayer is that you would recognize Jesus' relationship with His Heavenly Father, and seek a strong relationship with both your earthly and Heavenly Fathers. Then, emulate how Jesus sought to do the Will of God in everything He did. Be loyal and obedient to the Lord in how you seek to serve Him. Your service will then be an outcome based on God's will.

Question: When you do charitable activities or seek to serve people, is it based on your obedience to God's will?

Prayer: Dear Lord. It is easy for us to think of ways we can serve others. Let us not focus on the earthly cause but on God's will. Our service will then be based on serving God in ways that are pleasing to Him. Amen.