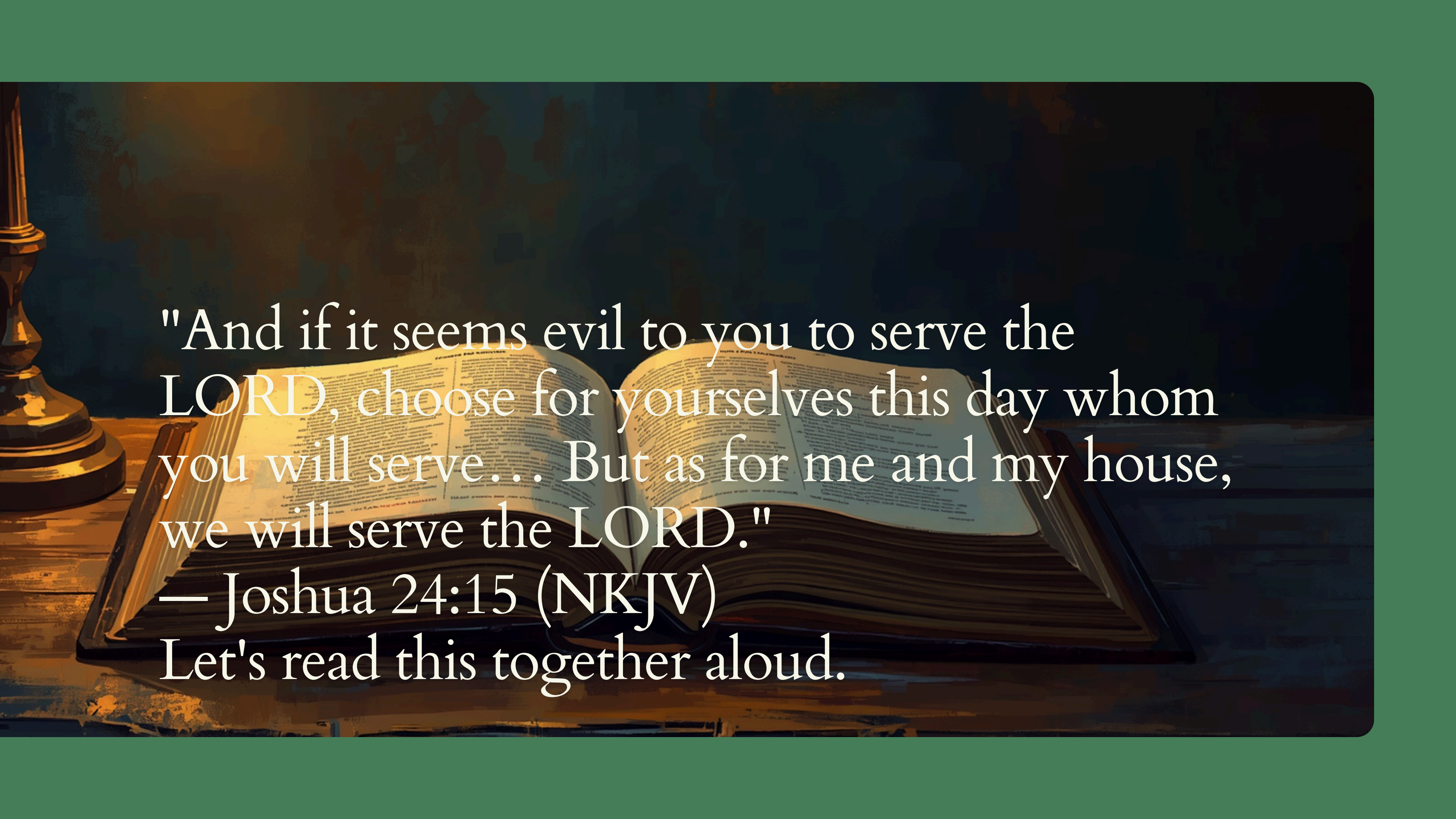




FATHER'S DAY | THE CHRISTIAN FATHER

**"As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him."
— Psalm 103:13 (NKJV)**

An open Bible lies on a dark wooden surface, its pages illuminated by a warm, golden light. To the left, a portion of a brass lamp is visible, casting a soft glow over the text. The background is a dark, textured wall, creating a solemn and focused atmosphere.

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

— Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

Let's read this together aloud.

God: The Ultimate Father

Matthew 6:9 · Psalm 68:5 · 2 Corinthians 6:18 · James 1:17

"A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation." — Psalm 68:5 (NKJV)

God is the perfect Father — our ultimate model. He provides, protects, corrects with love, and never abandons. Every earthly father is called to reflect His character.



Love & Discipline

"For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."
— Hebrews 12:6–7

Mercy & Provision

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."
— Psalm 23:1

Presence & Correction

"You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"
— Romans 8:15

How God Fathers Us

God demonstrates perfect fatherhood through six essential characteristics: Love, Discipline, Mercy, Provision, Presence, and Correction. As our Heavenly Father, He models every quality an earthly father is called to reflect. His discipline flows from love; His mercy tempers correction; His presence assures provision. These divine traits are not merely ideals — they are the living standard every Christian father is invited to imitate through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian Father as a Lover

Love is active and sacrificial — the foundation of Christian fatherhood.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church."

— Ephesians 5:25 (NKJV)

"We love Him because He first loved us."

— 1 John 4:19 (NKJV)

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them."

— Colossians 3:19 (NKJV)

A loving marriage is the greatest gift a father gives his children.



Abraham: The Father of Faith

KEY SCRIPTURE

"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD."
— Genesis 18:19 (NKJV)

FAITH & OBEDIENCE

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called... And he went out, not knowing where he was going."
— Hebrews 11:8–10 (NKJV)
Lesson: Leadership begins with obedience to God's call.

LASTING LEGACY

Abraham passed his faith by example — walking in covenant, trusting God's promises, and raising his household in the fear of the LORD. Faith is both lived and transferred.

Job: A Father Who Interceded

"And it was so, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them... Thus Job did regularly."

— Job 1:5 (NKJV)

Job rose early to offer burnt offerings for each of his children — not once, but continually. The Christian father is called to be a constant spiritual intercessor, standing in the gap before God on behalf of his household.



David: A Great King, Imperfect Father

2 SAMUEL 13

The account of Amnon and Tamar reveals how David's absence and silence as a father allowed sin to devastate his household.

1 KINGS 2:1–3

"Be strong... walk in His ways... that you may prosper in all that you do." David's final charge shows a father's heart turned toward God.

KEY LESSONS

Success outside the home never replaces faithful spiritual care within it. Yet redemption remains possible through repentance and renewed purpose.

Joseph Earthly Father of Jesus

"Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him."

— Matthew 1:24 (NKJV)

Lessons from Joseph's Fatherhood:

- Faithful presence and quiet obedience
- Obedience without fanfare or recognition
- Protection through trust in God's call

Scriptures: Matthew 1:19–24 · Luke 2:51–52



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN FATHER



Spiritual Leadership & Prayer

A father must lead his household in faith and prayer, guiding his family toward God daily. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." — Joshua 24:15



Provision & Protection

A father is called to provide for and protect his family in every way. "But if anyone does not provide for his own... he has denied the faith." — 1 Timothy 5:8



Teaching & Correction

A father trains and corrects his children in righteousness and truth. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6



Living by Example

A father's greatest sermon is the life he lives before his children — in integrity, love, humility, and devotion to Christ every day.

Pressure to Provide

The weight of meeting family needs daily.
Psalm 55:22 — Cast your burden on the LORD;
He shall sustain you.

Spiritual Warfare & Decisions

Decision-making weight and spiritual warfare.
Matthew 11:28–30 — "Come to Me... and I
will give you rest."

Fear of Failure

Fear of falling short as a father. Isaiah 40:31 —
"Those who wait on the LORD shall renew
their strength."

The Burdens of a Father

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you." — Psalm 55:22
Every father carries real burdens. God sees them, and invites every father to
come to Him for rest, strength, and renewal.

THE ROLE OF A FATHER IN THE HOME



Priest

He intercedes and covers his home in prayer, leading family worship and guarding their spiritual welfare. Joshua 24:15



Leader

He sets the vision and direction for the household, guiding with wisdom, courage, and godly authority. Genesis 2:15



Servant

He lays down his own comfort for the good of others, modeling Christ's humility in daily family life. Mark 10:44



Builder

He builds a legacy of faith, shaping the character, values, and spiritual foundation of the next generation.

Discipline and Love

PROVERBS 13:24

"He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly." Discipline is an act of love, not anger.

HEBREWS 12:11

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace."

EPHESIANS 6:4

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."
— Eph. 6:4

Comparing God's Fatherhood with Human Fathers

GOD

THE PERFECT FATHER

- ◆ Perfect in all His ways
- ◆ Always Present — never absent
- ◆ Unlimited Wisdom & Knowledge
- ◆ Unconditional, unfailing Love

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 103:13–14

"As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."
— Psalm 103:13–14 (NKJV)

MEN

THE GROWING FATHER

- ◆ Growing — imperfect but redeemable
- ◆ Limited in time and capacity
- ◆ In need of God's grace daily
- ◆ Empowered only by the Spirit

Neglect & Anger

A father who withholds presence and disciplines in rage tears down what love should build. Proverbs 14:12 warns: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Absence & Pride

Physical or emotional absence leaves children without a covering. Pride blinds a father to his family's needs. Colossians 3:21: "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

Immorality

A father who lives in immorality models sin and destroys trust. The home cannot thrive under unrepentant compromise. Call to repentance and renewal through Christ.

What Destroys Fatherhood?

Scripture warns that fatherhood can be undermined from within. Neglect, uncontrolled anger, absence, pride, and immorality are among the greatest threats to a Christian father's calling. Each danger is a call not to condemnation, but to repentance and return — for God restores the father who humbles himself before Him.

The Father as Spiritual Leader

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children..." — Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NKJV)

Key Duties: Family Prayer · Scripture Reading · Bedtime Blessings · Daily Devotion

Cornelius led his household in prayer and generosity — a model of intentional spiritual fatherhood. (Acts 10:1–2)



WHAT CHILDREN NEED FROM A FATHER



Presence

Children need a father who is physically and emotionally present — not just in the home, but engaged, attentive, and available in daily life.



Blessing

A father's spoken blessing carries lifelong weight. Affirm your children with words of love, identity, and God-given purpose.



Teaching

Fathers are called to teach God's Word and model godly living. Deuteronomy 6:7 — impress truth on your children in every moment.



Encouragement

Children thrive under a father's encouragement. Build them up, celebrate growth, and speak life over their calling and character.

Question 1

Am I walking humbly with God first in every area of my life and home?

Question 2

Where do I need to do justly — at home, with my children, and in my marriage?

Question 3

What mercy is lacking in my fathering?
Where must I extend grace and forgiveness?

A Charge To Men

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" — Micah 6:8 (NKJV)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

HOW THE CHURCH SUPPORTS FATHERS



Prayer

The church lifts fathers before the Lord in intercession, covering their families, struggles, and callings in faithful, consistent prayer.



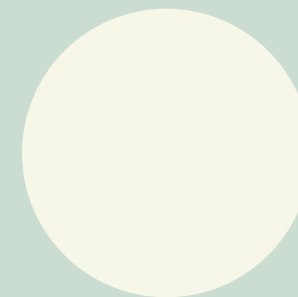
Community

Iron sharpens iron. Fathers grow stronger in brotherhood — sharing life, burdens, and wisdom within a caring church family.



Encouragement

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2 (NKJV). The church speaks life into weary fathers.



Accountability

Godly men hold one another to Christ's standard — in love, truth, and purpose — so no father walks his journey alone.

Question 1

Which biblical father inspires you most, and what quality of his fatherhood do you most want to reflect in your own life?

Question 2

What burdens do fathers carry today that are rarely spoken about? How can the church and community help lighten these loads?

Question 3

How can fathers better reflect God's love, patience, and discipline in the home? What practical step will you take this week?

Discussion Section

Take a few minutes in small groups to reflect and share. These questions are designed to open hearts, invite honesty, and encourage one another in the calling of Christian fatherhood.

Application & Commitment

WALK WITH GOD DAILY

Commit to daily prayer, Scripture reading, and walking in obedience before the Lord as the foundation of your home.

LEAD FAMILY SPIRITUALLY

Take your God-given role as priest and shepherd of your household — leading family worship, prayer, and biblical teaching.

LOVE SACRIFICIALLY

"Lord, make us fathers after Your own heart. Strengthen us, forgive us, and lead our homes. Amen."



*“Who you taverit and she siis the o’alie us
neish thor wato net be thing ie fron.*
“But as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.”

*I the bend souen, is heat rou nut fha is ahine
the stacied dienth.”*
— Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

Recite together • Place this verse
visibly in your home



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CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

AMEN

Happy Father's Day