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Galatians 4:4-7



Growing Into Christian Fatherhood

Andy Vogel
Galatians 4:4-7

Christian Fatherhood



1. We are all imperfect fathers.
2. We have a perfect heavenly Father.
3. Each of us can continually become better fathers.

Christian Fatherhood



1. We are all imperfect fathers.

Myths of being a man:

- tough, strong, fearless
- unemotional, unexpressive
- not showing love, not needing love.

Realities of being a man:

- our sinful nature leads us to failure

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

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2. We have a perfect heavenly Father.

His love is for our redemption.

The Parable of the Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

He loves us as his children.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

1 John 3:1

He provides for us in love.

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

Matthew 6:26

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2. We have a perfect heavenly Father.

His love includes improving and correcting us.

“Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Hebrews 12:6

“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.”

Proverbs 3:11-12

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Start by sharing your story.

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“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”

Hebrews 10:24-25

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Get to know God's word.

Come to TBS bible study!

Use the library!

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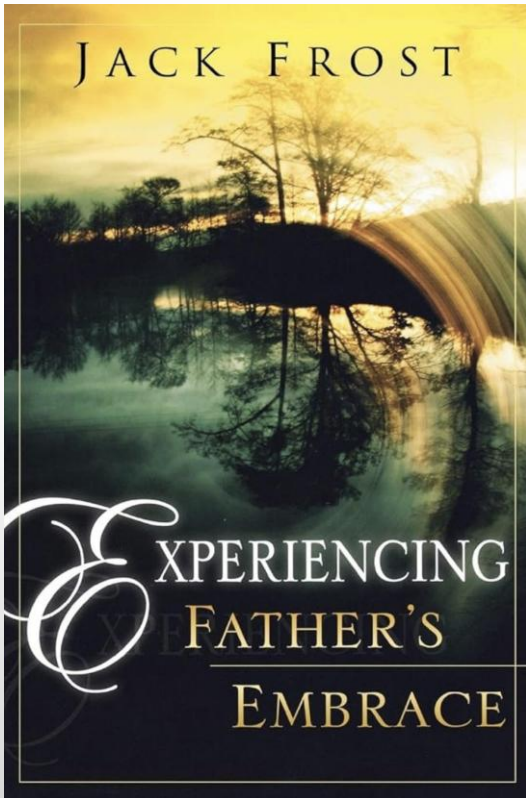


Malachi 1:1-2 A prophecy: The world of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.

“I have loved you”, says the Lord.

Malachi 4:5-6 “I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will return the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents”

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“When we release our earthly fathers and come to the Father as a little child in need of His love, we will receive increasing revelation of Father God’s love, that is more powerful than any father issues we have carried through our life”

“Unconditional love is never based on the performance or goodness of the person who is receiving love. It is based on the nature of the one giving it” Jack Frost

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

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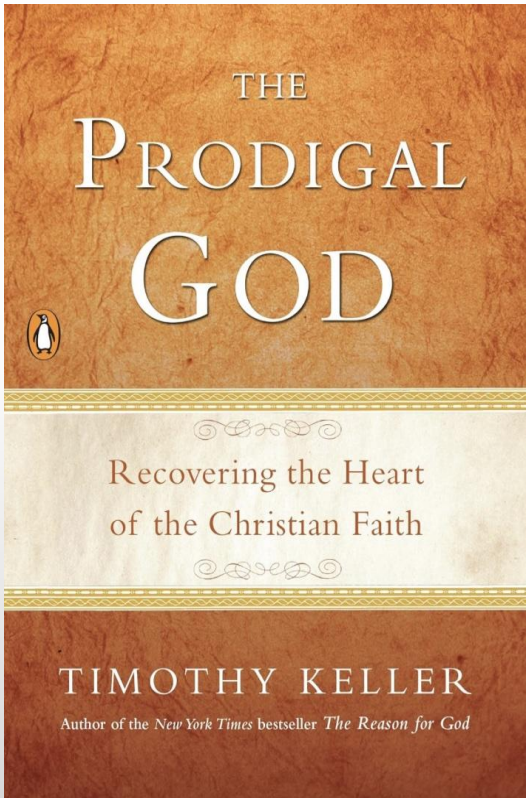
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Don't worry if you get it wrong.



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The Parable of the Lost Son,
or “The Prodigal Son”

Meaning of Prodigal:
recklessly spending money,
to spend until you have nothing left.

“Jesus is showing us the God of Great Expenditure, who is nothing if not prodigal toward us, his children. God’s reckless grace is our greatest hope, a life-changing experience, and the subject of this book.”

Timothy Keller

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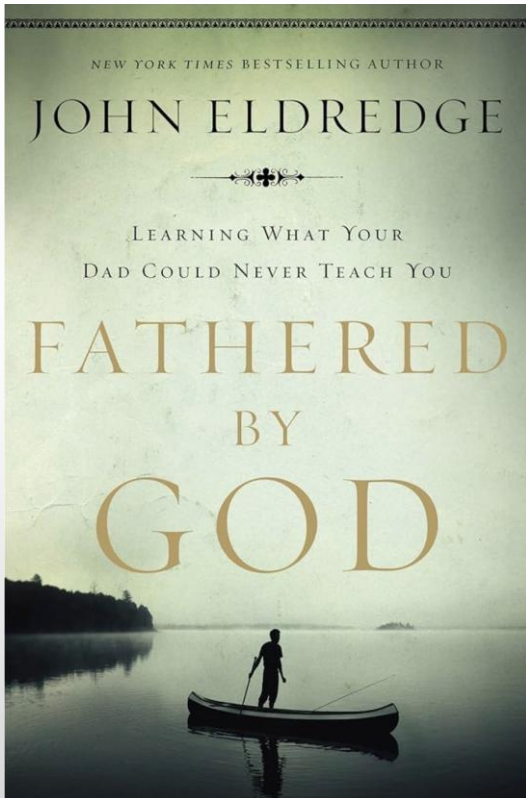
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We are unfinished men, but
God is constantly creating opportunities
for us to be fathered.
He wants to father us into kingship.

”I write to you, dear children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is
from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you”

1John 2:14

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Talk more to other Christian men.

“Christians commonly say they want a relationship with Jesus, that they want to get to know Jesus better. You will never be able to do that by yourself... Only if you are part of a community of believers seeking to resemble, serve, and love Jesus will you ever get to know him and grow into his likeness”

Timothy Keller, “The Prodigal God”

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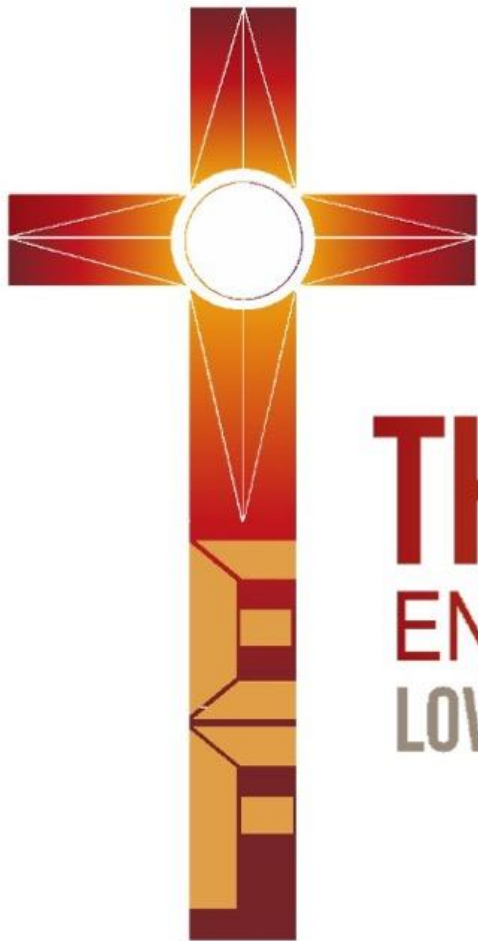
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What Would Jesus Do





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