

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- June 13th, 2019

"Complete Access To God"

"In Him (Christ) and through faith in Him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence" (Ephesians 3:12)

As you were growing up, what kind of "signs" did your father wear? Was he approachable...available...reachable...accessible...knowable? Was it normal to sit on his lap, kiss his cheeks and share your secrets? Or, were you so intimidated by his austerity that occasionally, upon hearing his footsteps, you would hide behind a door, or anywhere for that matter. You felt these vibes blaring out at you: "KEEP OUT...DO NOT ENTER...NO TRESPASSING ZONE!"

Many people think of God as "The Man Upstairs" – awesome, powerful, completely inaccessible, and certainly far removed from us and not concerned about the details of our lives. But that is totally untrue!

What is God like? In John 14:8, Jesus was asked: "Show us Father God." His response was "Anyone who sees Me has seen Father God...I am in the Father and the Father is in Me."

So, however Jesus was while He was on earth, that's how Father God is. Jesus was accessible to all alike (rich and poor). He wore no "unapproachable labels" for lepers. Prostitutes loved Him because He showed them such love, compassion and forgiveness which they had never experienced in their lives. He made Himself available to the little children unlike His disciples who chased them away.

From child to leper, from seeker to sinner, no one felt unacceptable in the presence of Jesus. And that's the way Father God is – He is available and accessible to all.

Whether or not you have ever experienced access to an earthly father, you do have complete access to your Heavenly Father. He will never have a "DO NOT ENTER" sign over His heart. He is never too busy to listen to your heart's cry.

Father God loves you. He seeks to be sought by you. He longs to hear from you. Speak to Him today.

See you in church Sunday for Father's Day celebration! Also, kindly take note that our Summer Schedule begins this Sunday; **Service in the memorial garden at 8:30 a.m.; in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.** Also, in honor of Father's Day, the deacons will provide pie for everyone.

Have a blessed week!
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