

LEA Weekly Devotion

Summer Excursions series

Week of June 21, 2020

Say, Dad, Remember the Time...?

Happy fathers have their day, but all fathers don't spend every day feeling that way. Let's visit a few.

Destination: Mount of the Lord/Land of Moriah

Father Abraham was desperately depressed. Son Isaac was considerably confused. God told Abraham to kill his long-awaited son as a sacrifice. The reason wasn't entirely clear, but God commanded it, and Abraham planned to obey. Isaac, it seems, complied with the preparations and didn't appear to resist—thought he probably had quite a story to tell mom when he got home. You know the rest of the story. The angel of the Lord stopped him, saying, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God....” (Gen. 22:12). Abraham dearly loved Isaac, but he loved God more. Isn't it likely that Isaac learned of God from his father—both before and after that father's day?

Destination: Haran

Leah's dad, Laban, wanted only the best for his daughters—Rachel the Beautiful and Leah the Not So Much. Jacob enters the picture and Laban considered him quite the potential in-law. Long story short, Jacob goes to work for Laban to earn the right to marry Rachel. Dad agrees but schemes. After all, what good and useful man would want to wed Leah? Wedding day arrives. Big party and probably all that usually goes on at a big party. The honeymoon commences. It ended in the morning when Jacob woke up next to the apparently well-disguised Leah (Gen. 29:22–25). Can you blame dad? Absolutely! Sappy father's day! And it would be trivial to say he meant well. Despite this event, God blessed Jacob—mostly through Leah. Happy father's day seven times over. And then some ([Gen.29 & 30](#)).

Destination: Garden of Gethsemane

Had they stayed awake, Jesus' friends would have seen a Son in deep, anguished conversation with God. His Father gave Jesus a job to do. He told Him to take out the garbage—not kitchen scraps, but the garbage of the whole world! Sin piled so deep that removing it would cost Jesus—God's only Son—His life. God said it was time to do it. No substitute would emerge from the bushes. The lives of God's children mattered (Matt. 26:36–46). You know how it turned out. Jesus willingly died to take away your sins. But He rose victoriously from the dead—as will we. Happy Father's day indeed!

Destination: You

God sends you a Father's Day present: "I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:18). [Makes you want to sing](#) about it, doesn't it?

Written by Edward Grube, LL.D
Director of Publications & Communications
©2020 Lutheran Education Association

Quoted Scripture:

Quoted Scripture: [ESV®](#)

[Read this devotion in PDF.](#)

[Access the library of devotions](#)