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Pastor Mark Strong wrote an article for Preaching Today magazine entitled "Refocusing Fatherhood." He shared an experience he had while attending a men's retreat with a group of 30-40 men of all ages.

The men sat in a room sharing joys and deep aches of the soul. A young man named Jason sat in his chair, his face buried in his hand, his head occasionally rising to gasp a breath as he sobbed.

He said, "Why didn't he want me? I don't understand why my dad didn't want me. Why didn't he want me, man? What's wrong with me?"

None of the other men in the room had the answer to his question. But most knew the problem: young Jason was crying out for the acceptance and affirmation of his father. He was saying, "Am I such a defect that I am unlovable as a son and as a man?"

Strong noted that what happened next was absolutely beautiful and unscripted. Phil, an older man in the group, got out of his seat and walked straight over to Jason. He embraced him and in a loud voice said to him, "Jason, I'll be your dad and you're my son!"

From that day forward, Phil was involved in Jason's life as a surrogate father. Their relationship with one another deepened as the years passed. Although Phil didn't pay for Jason's college tuition or his room and board, he was present to pray with Jason, take him to lunch, listen to his struggles, and share his life wisdom with him.

Strong recounted one of the last conversations he had with Phil before he died. They talked about his relationship with Jason. At one point, Phil lifted his head and with a passionate conviction and said, "You know Jason is my son!" Strong said he nodded in the affirmative and said, "I know."

Phil became a tangible expression of our Heavenly Father's love for a young man who felt unwanted and unworthy of his natural father's love.

The article reminds us that men long for the love, respect and acceptance of a father who will guide them, mentor them and affirm them. While our earthly fathers often fail to do that, our Heavenly Father is the perfect father.

He adopts us into His forever family and showers us with love and grace and acceptance. He guides us in the paths of righteousness that we might become wonderful expressions of His namesake.

This Father's Day, give thanks for those great earthly fathers. Learn to forgive the flawed ones. And especially, be thankful for our great Heavenly Father.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Travis Wood	1st
Ivan McKinney	7th
Katelyn Vargas	7th
Denny Spearman	12th
Caragan Lee	18th
Brandon Barnes	22nd
Tommy Tombleson	22nd
David Barnes	23rd
Gaila Clark	23rd
Darlene Hay	28th
Kortney Henderson	29th
Jane Phipps	29th
Steve Sutton	30th



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JUNE 26 to 30
 for K-5th graders
 from 6 to 8:30



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

*Make the Connection
with Others*

*Each Sunday
at
9:30 a.m.*

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.



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