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NEWSLETTER

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MY FATHER'S GOD



WE JUST CELEBRATED FATHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY, SO I THINK ANOTHER REFLECTION ABOUT FATHERS IS STILL TIMELY.

YOU CANNOT INHERIT SALVATION OR GODLINESS FROM YOU FATHER, BUT YOU CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR A GODLY ONE. I'M FORTUNATE TO HAVE A DAD THAT LOVED GOD AND SERVED HIM FAITHFULLY. MY DAD GREW UP IN RURAL NORTHERN INDIANA AND BARELY GOT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. HE OFTEN SAID THAT THEY LET HIM GRADUATE BECAUSE THEY FELT SORRY FOR HIM. BUT HE MARRIED THE VALEDICTORIAN OF THE CLASS BEHIND HIM AND TOGETHER THEY

WERE SUCCESSFUL FARMERS FOR SIXTEEN YEARS WITH THE FINAL TEN YEARS ON THEIR OWN 160 ACRE SPREAD THAT INCLUDED A TWELVE-ROOM HOUSE AND BEAUTIFUL BANK BARN. IN 1953 THEY WALKED AWAY FROM IT ALL AND ANSWERED GOD'S CALL TO BECOME PART OF A SIX-FAMILY WORK CREW BUILDING CHURCHES THROUGH THE GRACE BRETHERN HOME MISSIONS. OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS THEY TRAVELED IN A 30-FOOT TRAILER AND BUILT NEW BUILDINGS IN SEVEN STATES. MY DAD'S SERIOUS BACK INJURY MADE IT NECESSARY TO LEAVE THAT MINISTRY. BUT THEY MOVED BACK TO THE WARSAW AREA AND JOINED THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED. MY DAD WAS A VERY POOR READER BUT WAS IN THE WORD EVERY DAY. HE WASN'T BOOK SMART BUT COULD FIX OR BUILD ANYTHING AND OFTEN USED THOSE SKILLS AT OUR CHURCH.

IT IS GREAT IF YOU CAN SERVE AND CELEBRATE YOUR FATHER'S GOD. MOSES TOO HAD SUCH A HERITAGE FOR WE READ IN EXODUS 15:2 "THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND SONG, AND HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION; THIS IS MY GOD, AND I WILL PRAISE HIM; MY FATHER'S GOD, AND I WILL EXTOL HIM." MOSES AND THE SONS OF ISRAEL SANG THOSE WORDS RIGHT AFTER CROSSING THE RED SEA SAFELY AND WERE NOW READY TO MARCH TOWARD THE PROMISED LAND.

WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MOSES' FATHER, BUT WE DO KNOW SOME. EXODUS 2 RECORDS MOSES' BIRTH AND BEING HIDDEN FOR THREE MONTHS AND THEN PUT INTO THE BULLRUSHES WHERE THE KING'S DAUGHTER FOUND HIM. THE WRITER OF HEBREWS SAYS THAT BY FAITH HIS PARENTS HID HIM AND WERE NOT AFRAID OF THE KING'S EDICT. (HEBREWS 11:23). THAT EDICT REQUIRED THE DEATH OF ALL HEBREW BOYS. MOSES' FATHER WAS A GODLY AND COURAGEOUS MAN.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR A FATHER WHO LOVED GOD AND NOW LIVES WITH HIM IN HEAVEN. IT'S TRULY A BLESSING TO CELEBRATE MY FATHER'S GOD.

LOOKING UP!

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE