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Like Father Like Son

John 14:9

(Yeshua)Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has **seen the Father**. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

I remember the days of being a young boy and sitting in the back seat of our old Ford Galaxy 500 with my two older brothers and older sister every Sunday morning. I remember hearing my mom say to my dad almost every Sunday on our way home from church “Joe, can’t you just go one Sunday school class without saying anything or withOUT asking any questions? That was a common phrase we heard from our mom.

My dad had no problems asking the questions that most everybody was already thinking. He had no intentions of “stirring up the pot”, if you will. He just wanted to get to the bottom of the issue. And what better time to do so than with those who are also seeking truth?

All the years of my life watching my dad, I never saw him cower from standing from what he believed in. At the same time, I never saw him cower from saying that he was wrong. It may have taken him a while to get there but he always acknowledged truth. Even if it went against what he first believed to be true.

My dad died when I was 25 years old. And I have to confess that it kind of rocked my world when it happened. Suddenly the man I could always go to and talk with was no longer there. The man who inspired me to stand for truth, no matter what, was no longer there to lead the way by example. It was as if a huge part of my life was just ripped out all at once and completely unexpected.

My dad was one of those guys that just lit the room up by his presence. I had so many friends that would come over our house, when growing up, that would always leave saying “You’ve got the coolest dad.” My dad was a walking example of the phrase “Medical technology can add

years to one's life, but only the Lord can add LIFE to one's years." He was just one of those guys that everybody loved being around.

I remember my dad just as if I had seen him yesterday. And the funny thing is, now I see my dad in me more than I would have ever thought. My hand writing is like his. I EVEN SNEEZE like him. And I obviously have no problem going against the crowd in asking questions.

It's in this that I have to ask myself though "What are my children seeing in me?" Knowing how much I looked up to my dad. In watching how he responded to people. How he treated people. How I saw him read the Scriptures in digging for truth. I can't forget that my children are looking at me the same way. Am I passing that legacy down? Am I really giving them something worthy to follow? Not just out in public, but everywhere.

I remember years ago a friend of mine telling me a story about his daughter. It had just snowed and they went outside to play in it. At one point his daughter was walking right behind him and she said "I'm walking in your footsteps daddy." He turned around and saw her jumping into each one of his footprints in the snow. And it hit him how we are to be walking in the footprints of our Savior. Following His example in everything we do.

We can't forget that we MAY really be the only Bible that somebody reads. And whether we like it or not, we're a witness. The question is, are we a good one or a bad one? And I'm not just talking about when we're out about in the world. I'm talking about every moment of the day. There are eyes watching us everywhere. Especially if you have children or grandchildren.

For just as Yeshua said, "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," may people see our Heavenly Father in us when they see us. May they Hear Him when they hear us. May every aspect of our life reflect our Heavenly Father. Our attitudes. Our intentions. Everything in our life should resonate with His presence.

We are His children, and the world should see Him in us.

Whether you have had godly parents or not, we have the example of our savior to follow. And it is up to us to let His light shine through our lives. To be the example for those around us.

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

We hope you have enjoyed this message. Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom!

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