

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Fatherhood

What is/was your father like?

(Please take a moment and think of him)

- Some are **fabulous!**
- Some are **good**
- Some **pretty good**
- Some **not so good**
- Some **very difficult**

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Some of you grew up without a dad

- Maybe **someone else** filled that role
- Maybe several men contributed to your life
- **My best friend's Dad** imparted some important things to me

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For some, losing them is one of life's greatest sorrows...

- Because you lost your best **leader, mentor & friend**
- Our best example of what **a parent & a man** is

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As some pastor friends and I were talking last week...

The discussion turned to what we have **wanted to become**

- Most described various ministry roles, or callings
- One guy revealed that since adolescence **he wanted to be a Dad**
- **I expect he is a very good one, and his kids are thankful**

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Regardless of who our earthly father has been...

There's a reason **Jesus** taught us to begin our prayers with...

Our Father in heaven...

- He has **Always** wanted to be **our Father**
- **Yours & Mine – Ours**

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Do you realize that when He encouraged us to pray

Our Father...

- **He was including Himself?**

John 17:22-23, "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

Romans 8:29, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.**"

My friend Pastor Sam May says, we pray as "Brothers of another mother"

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So, every day is **Father's Day** as we pray **with Jesus...**

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be **Your name.**

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And **forgive us** our debts,
As **we** forgive **our** debtors.
And **lead us not** into temptation,
But **deliver us** from the evil one.
For **Yours** is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.

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We are **loved by Our Father** just **as Jesus is!** (John
17:23)

- **He offers** to do everything for us He has
done for Jesus.

And we are empowered to **love Him** just **as Jesus**
does...

- As **Our Father in Heaven**