

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## Parents' Day: Reflecting the Heart of God

Dear Church,

We are bringing together what is often kept separate, Mother's Day and Father's Day, into one combined celebration — Parents' Day. It is a beautiful reflection of something deeper, that both fatherhood and motherhood, in their own ways, reveal the heart of God. A mother's care, her tenderness, and her quiet sacrifices echo God's compassion. A father's guidance, his protection, and his watchful care reflect God's faithfulness. Neither is complete on its own, but together, they give us a fuller picture of who God is.

As we celebrate Parents' Day, we go beyond just honouring roles. We are honouring a relationship, a calling, and a reflection of divine love placed into our families. We come with gratitude. Gratitude for the seen and unseen sacrifices, for the ways our parents have provided, protected, and persevered. For some, this gratitude flows easily, shaped by fond memories and strong bonds. For others, there may be wounds, misunderstandings, or separations. And yet, even in the complexities, this day invites us to take a step toward honour, not because everything was perfect, but because God is still at work in our lives.

In bringing Mother's Day and Father's Day together, we are also reminded that family is not meant to be fragmented. God's design has always been about wholeness, about relationships that reflect His love across generations. Parents shaping children, children honouring parents, and all of us growing together under God's grace. And within this

celebration lies something even deeper. Love that longs not just for the present, but also for eternity.

For many of us, one of the quiet desires we carry is that our non-Christian parents would accept the lordship of the same God as us. That they would experience His peace, His forgiveness, His presence in their lives. Yet sharing the good news with our non-Christian parents is often not easy. These are the people who raised us, who shaped our earliest understanding of the world. Speaking to them about our faith can feel unfamiliar, even uncomfortable. For me, I had many years of tension with my parents when sharing the good news with them, but this is where the heart of Parents' Day gently guided me.

Scripture calls us to honour our father and mother. **Ephesians 6:2-3** – *“Honour your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”* This honour becomes the foundation of our witness. Our parents may not open a Bible, but they read our lives. How we treat them, how we respond under pressure, how we carry ourselves in love and humility. Our living testimony makes the Word of God alive. When our faith makes us more patient, more respectful, more compassionate, it begins to speak in a way that words alone cannot.

Sharing the good news is not a single moment. It is a journey. It is seen in everyday acts of care, in quiet sacrifices, in consistent love. It is expressed when we choose gentleness over argument, understanding over frustration, and grace over pride. These moments may seem small, but they carry the fragrance of Christ. Sharing the good news does not need to be forceful. It can be simple, honest and personal, speaking about what God has done in your life, how He has sustained

you, how He has given you hope. Remember that we are not the ones who bring about transformation. That work belongs to God. Our role is to love, to honour, to witness, and to pray.

For some, this journey will take time. There may be resistance, silence, or even tension. Parents' Day, in such moments, may carry both joy and longing. But we hold on to this truth: God who has reached us is still reaching out to them. So, as we celebrate Parents' Day, bringing together mothers and fathers in one united honour, we do more than give thanks for the past. We entrust the future into God's hands. In the end, the greatest celebration would not only be that they raised us in this life, but that one day, together, we will share in eternal life with God.

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