

## **JUNE 19, 2016 SERMON NOTES**

### **A Portrait of Fatherhood**

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. <sup>9</sup> Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. <sup>11</sup> For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, <sup>12</sup> encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

As you look at the portrait, consider with me five wonderful traits a father needs today.

#### **I. ABLE TO EXPRESS \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Expressing love does not come \_\_\_\_\_ for most men.

#### **II. A \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE.**

- It is one thing to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel, but it is another thing to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

#### **III. AN UNSELFISH \_\_\_\_\_.**

- We teach work in two ways. First, we teach by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Secondly, our children learn by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **IV. GENUINE \_\_\_\_\_.**

- God has \_\_\_\_\_ dads to be spiritual leaders.

#### **V. A POSITIVE \_\_\_\_\_.**