

THANKS, DAD!

Hey, Superkids! Let's talk dads!

It's the time of year we celebrate dads, and great dads should be celebrated! When I asked the Lord what to share, He said, *I want to tell them about MY Dad, the Father God. So, this is what He spoke to my spirit.*

My Father Is a PLANNER

Before He created, He planned...everyone and everything. He planned you before you were born and created you with a purpose. He and I worked together creating plans for His people yet to be. Isaiah 46:10-11, *The Passion Translation*, says, "I declare from the beginning how it will end and foretell from the start what has not yet happened. I decree that my purpose will stand, and I will fulfill my every plan.... I have spoken, and yes, I will bring it to pass. I have formed my plan, and yes, I will do it."

My Father planned everything in advance, then made it happen. Everything has a purpose and He shares with Me what He wants Me to do. Does that remind you of your dad, Superkid? When I wanted to skip certain hard things, My decision to obey Him helped Me follow His plan. When I was in the Garden of Gethsemane with My disciples, we all struggled with what the Father told Me would happen!

Matthew 26:36-39: "Then Jesus led his disciples to an orchard called 'The Oil Press.' He told them, 'Sit here while I go and pray over there.' He took Peter, Jacob, and John with him. However, an intense feeling of great sorrow plunged his soul into deep sorrow and agony. And he said to them, 'My heart is overwhelmed and crushed with grief. It feels as though I'm dying. Stay here and keep watch with me.' Then he walked a short distance away, and overcome with grief, he threw himself facedown on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if there is any way you can deliver me from this suffering, please

take it from me. Yet what I want is not important, for I only desire to fulfill your plan for me.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to strengthen him."

When I made the decision to follow My Father's plan, He gave Me strength and helped Me do it. Superkid, when you decide to obey, your dad will be more able to help you too. Dads like to have a plan, and they want you to follow their lead. Remembering that will help you do what is right.

My Father Is ALWAYS FOCUSED

My Father's focus helped Me stay focused, even in such a difficult situation. It was hard for Him to turn His face away from Me, but He had to. So, I had to follow His lead. Isaiah 50:5-7 says, "The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear, and I did not resist; I did not rebel. I offered my back to those who flogged me and my cheek to those who tore out my beard. I never hid my face from demeaning insults or from those who spit on me. The Lord Yahweh empowers me, so I am not humiliated. For that reason, with holy determination, I will do his will and not be ashamed."

Because I focused on My Father's plan, I was able to become your Savior. Call on Me when YOU need help focusing on what your dad asks of you. I have been in that difficult place, so I can help you. Whatever our godly fathers ask, we can do! Proverbs 4:25 says, "Set your gaze on the path before you. With fixed purpose, looking straight ahead, ignore life's distractions."

My Father Is a TEACHER

Have you noticed that fathers are always trying to teach you something? Fathers just want to teach. They learned that from MY Father. Proverbs 4:4 says, "Then my father taught me, saying, 'Never forget my words. If you do everything that I teach you, you will reign in life.'"



One final thing:

My Father Is an ENCOURAGER

Is your dad an encourager? Are you a listener? Are you listening for encouragement? The more you listen, the more you will hear. Proverbs 4:20-22, "Listen carefully, my dear child, to everything that I teach you, and pay attention to all that I have to say. Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate deep into your spirit. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being."

Superkid, My Father made man in His own image and copied into him His desire for His children to succeed! Your father may not be perfect, but he has a God-given desire to do the dad-job well. A godly father wants you to succeed. Earthly fathers have to learn how to be great dads and they must look to Me to help them, just as you look to Me to help you. Don't be angry when your dad makes mistakes or be rebellious when he leads, corrects and teaches you. A good father will try to help you develop the gifts and talents he sees in you. When he makes demands, listen and you will learn—AND WIN!

I realize that your father may not be close to you or fit the picture I have painted. Look around. Perhaps the dad-type person I can speak to you through is your mom, grandfather or uncle. If you have no father, you can always look directly to Me for help.

Pray for your dad or the dadlike person in your life, Superkid! Your prayers make a big difference!

Love,
Jesus

PS.

Thank You, Jesus, for that awesome word! Superkids, I join you in appreciating our dads. I give honor to my own dad, Kenneth Copeland. He is a wonderful picture of our heavenly Father. Many have been blessed by his life and fatherly teaching.



Love you, Daddy!—Commander Kellie

