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**Good Morning...Welcome...**

**Title Slide: Memories with Dad**

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**Slide # 1 – Title Slide** I want to show this morning that our memories with OUR Dad, are things that are birthed right out of our heavenly Fathers' heart and way that He loves the world!

**Slide #2** Remember we can't even understand the premise for the Gospel, **John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son!"**

**Stats from the Bulletin!**

In 295 B.C., Mencius wrote, "The root of the kingdom is in the state. The root of the state is in the family. The root of the family is in the person of its head." Sounds like to be the burden of the Father is not just to provide and protect, but he has the success of the entire family upon his shoulders! Look at these statistics...

60 percent of black children, 32 percent of Hispanic children and 21 percent of white children live in single-parent homes.

Children who live apart from their fathers account for...

63 percent of teen suicides

70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions

71 percent of high-school dropouts

75 percent of children in chemical-abuse centers

80 percent of rapists

85 percent of youths in prison

85 percent of children who exhibit behavioral disorders

90 percent of homeless and runaway children.

When these children become "adults," the social consequences become even worse.

**Men, we have a big time responsibility!** Let us take our task of raising our families with seriousness and with passion! Remember, Proverbs 3:32 "For the LORD detests a perverse man but takes the upright into his confidence." Let us lead with His Confidence!

Our Dad's love us, they love you, or perhaps they loved you! This morning, I want to help you with your relationship with your Dad, and help you understand the question why. Why to the good and the bad, the great feelings and the feelings of pain, and then the passion of how our heavenly Father loves you and me!

**Slide #3** This morning I want to do this by giving you a glimpse of a relationship between a Dad and Son. This son is now a grown man, has kids of his own, loves the Lord, loves his wife, but looks back at his relationship with his dad with some hurt, but at the end of the day loves his dad, and wishes things were different. He doesn't live his life with the regret though, he lives his life with

passion and love, and it one great man! A great Christian, a servant, a friend, a brother whom I love very much!

Pray...

**Slide #4 Memory No. #1 – My Dad took me Blueberry Picking!**

**Slide #5** Scripture tells us in **Proverbs 4:1-4 - 1 My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment, 2 for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my instructions. 3 For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child. 4 My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live."**

It is interesting to me that the very first memory is that of learning how to find the right blueberry, fine the bunch that is good and ready to be eaten, or perhaps put in a blueberry muffin or pie!

The idea that our dad's love us enough - even if they do not know how to build the right relationship - have an instinct to teach their children the right way to do something. Right or wrong in the approach, The heavenly Father has put in Dad the desire for right and wrong.

Dad's think with me, son/daughter think with me...We can all go back on times when our Dad, or ourselves had to rely on the difference between right and wrong...GOOD JUDGEMENT!

It is part of being Dad!

**Slide #6 Memory No. #2 – My Dad let me put my hand in the money bags from his Dime store and get as much change as I could fit in my hands!**

**Slide #7** Look at **James 1:16 – 18 - 16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.**

Have you ever heard the statement, "Ah you are just trying to buy my love!" Have you ever used that term? I have! Have you ever done that term? Yikes, sometimes I have! Use the gift to wiggle your way into acceptance!

You Dad, I think that no matter which way we slice, we want our family to be taken care of. Again, I say that sometimes the way we show our love to our family, Christian the way we show our love to the world... We do not always do it, but at the core of who we are is built out of the desire to give gifts that our heavenly Father would give!

This morning you may say that your Dad never gave you anything worth anything; I would beg you to reconsider. Dad gave you what he knew to give, maybe it wasn't the Father's best, but, oh how you loved you!

Even if he only gave you a few dimes, he gave to you a piece of him! Small or little – a piece of you!

**Slide #8 Memory No. #3 – My Dad built me a Soap Box Derby Car! And boy it had great brakes, they were little baby carriage brakes, and they were great!**

**Slides # 9 & 10** Look at some verses and what the Verse says about God's Protection:  
**Psalm 18:2 God is our protector.**

<b>2 Tim. 4:17-18</b>	<b>God strengthens us and rescues us.</b>
<b>2 Thes. 3:3</b>	<b>God protects us from evil.</b>
<b>1 Cor. 10:13</b>	<b>God protects us while we are being tempted.</b>
<b>Psalms 56:9</b>	<b>God protects us from our enemies.</b>
<b>Psalms 91:3-7</b>	<b>God protects us from danger.</b>
<b>Psalms 57:1</b>	<b>God protects us until disaster has passed.</b>
<b>Psalms 121:3-8</b>	<b>God is always protecting us.</b>
<b>Joshua 1:5</b>	<b>God's protection never leaves.</b>
<b>Isaiah 41:10</b>	<b>God's protection is reassuring.</b>
<b>John 10:28-30</b>	<b>God's protection is powerful.</b>
<b>Psalms 124:1-8</b>	<b>God's protection is necessary.</b>

**Slides # 11 – 12** **Psalm 124:1-8 - A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David. 1 What if the Lord had not been on our side? Let all Israel repeat: 2 What if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us? 3 They would have swallowed us alive in their burning anger. 4 The waters would have engulfed us; a torrent would have overwhelmed us. 5 Yes, the raging waters of their fury would have overwhelmed our very lives. 6 Praise the Lord, who did not let their teeth tear us apart! 7 We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free! 8 Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Aren't you glad that Dad never put us in a Soap Box derby Car that didn't have good brakes? Think of what could have been had your Dad not known enough to put those brakes in there. I am not speaking to my friend about his car, I am speaking to you this morning mam or sir, it could have been a lot worse! Dads want us to be okay, they just don't always know how!

**Slide #13** Last memory, **No. #4 – He said good bye when I was 11 or 12 years old!**

**Slide #14** **Deut. 31:6 - 6 So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."**

Maybe you're in the sound of my voice this morning and you are saying, "Pastor Dan, you don't know my Dad and the relationship that I have with him."

You are right, I do not! But, I know that the heavenly Father does, you are not a mistake – you are an exact version of what He wanted to have when He dreamed of you! He loves you and what to hear you cry out to Him, because He is right there for you! He is never going to leave you hanging and alone!

This morning we want to show you our sermon, in a Human Video, entitled "My Father's Chair". Some of us in the room this morning have only known our Father's Chair to be empty, since we were little kids, but our Heavenly Father's Chair is never empty... He is always on His throne and loves you to pieces!

**Slide # 15 (Blackout Slide)** **My Father's Chair**

**Slide #16 – Title Slide** **Prayer - Salvation, Family, & Restoration**