## "Hearing our Warnings; Asking for Help"

- **<u>INTRO</u>**: <u>Father's Day</u>! (stand up)
  - 1. Roll: *Protector; Provider; Nurturer* 
    - a. Physical fathers are **<u>NOT PERFECT</u>**. "*Best They Could*"
  - 2. Made Sincere <u>Sacrifices</u> for <u>sake of children</u>.
    - a. Story: **<u>Dad</u> = 2^{nd} Job** (minister of a <u>small church</u> while <u>computer programmer</u> I to <u>**RPI**</u>.)
  - 3. STORY: <u>My DAD</u>
    - a. <u>**Reason</u> I <u>became a minister</u>** (wouldn't have thought of it, but he modeled it)</u>
    - b. <u>Always</u> **Proud of Me** (I loved to make him proud)
    - c. He <u>wasn't perfect</u>; <u>I went further</u> than he (he proud of that) I believe: <u>We Climb on our Parent's Shoulders</u> (explain)
    - d. *I deeply appreciate* the "sacrifices" he made on my behalf.
  - 4. <u>TODAY</u>: <u>Archetype of the role</u> "<u>GOD as FATHER</u>". (<u>3 Aspects of Experiencing GOD as FATHER</u>)

### I. The FATHER is Always WITH YOU!

John 16:32 (Jesus) "I am never alone because the Father is with me."

A. <u>Need to Make</u> "*Father is Always with me*" – <u>our Experience</u>! (*Relationship w/ Father God*)

#### HOW:

#1. Call Out: "Father, Father, I am here." (Feel the Presence constantly, Loving you)

**#2. "Running Conversation w/ God** (*Father*)"

#3. "Thank you GOD!" Acknowledge God's Presence when anything happens. (Good or Could Have Been Worse)

### II. HEARING our WARNINGS!

Samuel 3:1-10 "The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord, assisting Eli the Priest... And Samuel was lying down to sleep in the temple... And the Lord called Samuel; & he answered "Here I am." And he ran to Eli & said Here I am; for you called me. And Eli said, I did not call; go back & lie down. And the Lord called again, Samuel. And Samuel arose & went to Eli... And the Lord called Samuel again the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, Go back & lie down ... if He calls you, you shall say, "Speak Lord, for the servant hears"... And the Lord came & called twice, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak, Lord; for thy servant hears... And Samuel knew that the Lord was with him, & he did not ignore any of his words."

A. <u>God</u> = <u>Always</u> <u>Whispering in our Ear</u>!

1. Often "idle thoughts"; Inspiration when Mind is Quiet; Nagging Thought Impression; "Still Small Voice". (over for HOW)

to head it off.

<u>#2. Pay Attention</u> to <u>Ideas that come up</u>, "<u>Maybe I ought to...</u>" & <u>Follow Up on them</u>:
a. Call to check on a person, on your mind. (Story: Greg Penn – sick)

b. Follow Up on ideas that come to your mind.

c. STORY: Changing Blades on Lawn Tractor – Go Get "Mark" (Drop the Deck & 1<sup>st</sup> Half)

**#3.** Make a Habit of Listening for the voice that is <u>always</u> Whispering in your ear. (remember "<u>Still Small Voice</u>")

### III. ASK for HELP!

Matt. 7:8-11 "Whoever Asks, receives; & he who seeks, finds; & to him who knocks, the door is opened. Or who is the man among you who when his son asks him for bread, will hand him a stone?... If therefore you who err, now how to give good gifts to your sons, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask him?"

A. <u>Story</u>: Josh at Home Depot called me "<u>electrical" repair</u>. "<u>I'm glad you are my father... I can call you</u>." (<u>I knew</u> what he needed, but had to <u>call & ask</u>) <u>THIS</u> should be <u>your relationship</u> w/ <u>GOD</u> as your FATHER!

B. <u>ASK for Help;</u> & <u>then LET GO & Go Forward</u>. (Do what you can)

1. STORY: Lawn Tractor; after Mark, I ask for help = impression Call Josh – I didn't. Josh Called me told him: He called back later & offered to come over. <u>Right Tools</u>. Did it in less than a minute.

HOW:

#1. Make a habit of ASKING for HELP from the Father Presence. "I need help here God!"

- **#2. SEEK your answers** (*don't just "sit & wait"*)
  - a. STORY: Josh & his Mother's Battery in Vero Beach.
    - **1.** Impression "*take a picture*". (poles are backward)
    - 2. "<u>Take another Picture</u>" (you connected over the plastic caps)
    - **3.** <u>Googled the Problem</u> (*Big fuse*!!!)

Josh worked a MIRACLE from two hours away. (Kept Seeking!!!)

**#3. KNOCK:** You have to Follow your Guidance & Knock on the Door. Demand entrance until INSPIRATION comes. (describe)

## **CLOSING MEDITATION** (over)

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**1.** Call out: "*Father, Father... I am here.*" (*Feel Presence of Father who loves you & always with you*)

2. <u>Listen for the Quiet Voice</u> of the <u>Father</u>, always <u>whispering in your ear</u>. (*Still Small Voice*)

3. ASK for HELP! Put it in God's hands & proceed

(knowing God is helping you)

## **OFFERING**

#### I. As Ushers come forward:

- 1. ONLINE: Go to home page at end of Service <u>Donate Now</u>. <u>Can Mail</u>. Also, can <u>call the Office</u> to <u>arrange for regular offerings</u>. (*Thank you your offerings*. *They make a difference*.)
- 2. Everyone (*here in person or online*): OFFERING STATEMENT:

Divine Love, thru me, Blesses & Multiplies, all the Good I am & have, <u>& all the Good I Give & Receive</u>.

# **II. BRIAN does the SOLO**

**III. CLOSING COMMENTS**: (*Thank you Brian!*)

### Announcements:

- 1. <u>Each Sunday</u> we provide both "<u>On-Site</u>" & "<u>Live Stream internet</u>" <u>Services</u>. *We will <u>be here</u> when you <u>decide you are ready</u> to join us.*
- 2. If you come to the church, There is still plenty of room, even observing Social Distancing.
- **3.** <u>Next Sunday</u>: My <u>Lesson Topic</u> will be: "<u>Spiritual Strength</u>"
- "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Hands up to *radiate Peace to the World.*)

## **PRAYER of PROTECTION** (Light, Love, Power, Presence)