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It is in the month of June that the church in America recognizes Father's Day. While we often focus our attention and affection on our earthly fathers during this celebration, Jesus reveals to us in chapter 5 of the Gospel of John that there is a way to honor our heavenly Father every day of the year. Jesus says in John 5:24 that the only way we can truly honor our heavenly Father is by honoring the Son who He has sent. Jesus teaches us several ways that we can celebrate and honor our heavenly Father in our lives.

First, Jesus tells us the best way to honor God the Father is to receive the gift He has given to all mankind: Jesus. Every person who is ever born comes into life with a gift right next to them ready to be opened. The card on the gift says, "To you, from God the Father." And if we open the gift, inside we find a special message, "Believe in Jesus for eternal life." Usually on Father's Day we think about what

gift we can give our earthly fathers, but our heavenly Father has already given each person the best gift possible. However, each person must receive that gift for themselves. It is not enough to know that eternal life comes through Jesus, but each person must trust in that promise from the Father and believe in Jesus. There is no honor to God the Father in our lives if we do nothing with the precious gift He has already given to us in Jesus.

Second, Jesus tells us that we honor God the Father through our faithful obedience to God the Son. Jesus describes the special relationship that He has with the Father, it is a relationship built on love and faithful obedience. Jesus only does what the Father does, Jesus only wills what the Father wills, in all ways, Jesus thinks, speaks, and acts in the same manner as God the Father. This is our example of what faithful obedience looks like in practice. Jesus honors the Father through His faithful obedience, so we also honor God the Father through our faithful obedience to Jesus. Once we trust in the promise of God the

Father given to all mankind, that saving trust manifests itself in our lives through faithful obedience to Jesus. We become like Him is what we think, say, and do. Though we will never become perfect in this life, we can be transformed day by day into the reflection of Jesus in the world. Every thought, every word, and every deed in our lives will either bring honor to God or shame upon ourselves.

Let us focus our hearts this June on honoring our heavenly Father with our lives. It starts by trusting in His promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus and it grows through our faithful obedience to Him in all that we do. Every day of our lives can be a great celebration of Heavenly Father's Day. Let us start that celebration today.

Blessings,

Pastor Kurt

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Manuel Bell8thDenny Spearman12thCaragan Wagar18thDarlene Hay28thJane Phipps29thSteve Sutton30th













For
Erin Lemoine & baky girl
Brynleigh Kate Delcomyn
Sunday, June 8 at 2p.m.
in Tellowship Hall
Registered at
my.babylist.com







## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Sunday

Sunday School Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study 11 a.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study
Youth Bible Study
Praise Choir Practice
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

