

## Wise Advise From The Father A Father's Day Message

*2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

*Colossians 3:2 (NIV)*

In 2012 Nik Wallenda set his sight on crossing Niagara Falls on a 2 inch wide wire, 1,800 feet above the falls. This is an unusual feat for any person to even want to complete, unless your mother carries the family name, "The Great Wallendas". This family is known for their death defying feats. Their family motto is "live life on the wire," and so he does. Nik Wallenda's father is his coach, as he attempts to make it to the other side. As he walked across the wire, his father shared with reporters the dangers involved. He told them that mist from the falls may make it hard to see in front of you. The wire can become slick and the wind can gust up to 50 miles per hour. Fighting this force may be a losing battle. The balance pole Nik carries weighs 40 lbs. Even though the pole is necessary, the weight of carrying it to the end, could cause fatigue. Midway across the great expanse of the falls, Nik asks to speak to his father. His father talks to him, giving him encouragement and reassurance. Nik responds, "I can barely hear you over the roar of the waters." His father speaks to him calmly about safety. He responds, "you are My Father, my Counselor, praise God, praise Jesus." Nik Wallenda, in the midst of danger, with the sound of rushing water filling his ears, reaches out to his dad and is comforted by his almighty father. I do not know the words that he heard that day, but his mind was set on things above and not on earthly things. This is the message that can carry us to the other side.