

JESUS — AND THE — FATHER

Recently I was studying for an upcoming sermon on “The Father Heart of God.” I love how the Holy Spirit shows us new truth from scriptures we’ve read many times! I discovered new meaning in the words of Jesus in John 14:7-11. Philip had asked Jesus a simple, yet profound question. “...Lord, show us the Father.” John 14:8. I believe that question was triggered by what Jesus said in verse 7, “If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Jesus told Philip, “you have seen him,(the Father).” So Jesus unpacks what he means by saying they have seen the Father. In the next verses Jesus continues his teaching on knowing the Father. “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” John 14:9-11 ESV.

So, this is what really stood out to me. When we look at the life of Jesus while He was living on this earth two thousand years ago, we really are looking at the Father Heart of God as it was displayed in human form through Jesus Christ. Jesus told His disciples, “You have seen Him, (the Father)” John 14:7. When we look at the life of Jesus we see the Father.

It is true that Jesus had a specific task He wanted to accomplish by His death on the cross, unlike the Father. But what has so stood out to me is that I could see the personal way Jesus interacted with people displaying

the Father’s heart. He had compassion where needed, He became angry at religious leaders for their hypocrisy. He fully followed through and accomplished what the Father instructed Him to do.

In my mind I have a new appreciation for The Father when I look at the life of Jesus. I had a really good earthy father. He wasn’t perfect but I loved him and I knew he loved me and would have given me the shirt off his back if I needed it. So I never struggled as much with looking at my Heavenly Father in loving terms. I well remember hearing my dad pray, “Our kind and loving Heavenly Father, we come to you in the precious name of Jesus...”. So I grew up with the concept of a loving Heavenly Father.

In the real world we live in not everyone has had an earthy father they are proud of. He may have been abusive, absent or a perfectionist where you could never measure up. Perhaps you are still trying to do something to please your earthly father. Or perhaps you’re struggling to forgive your daddy for the abuse you endured. As a result you have a difficult time understanding the concept of a loving Heavenly Father that really cares for you and wants the best for you. My encouragement to you is to read the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and look at the life of Jesus. I believe it will help you gain insight into the life of our Heavenly Father. One specific example would be the father of the prodigal son from Luke 15:20-24.

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Ministry Update

We began the new year in South Carolina at a wedding and then preached in a church Sunday morning before making our way to Florida. Somewhere along the way Elsie and I both picked up Covid in spite of being very careful. So by the time we got to our daughter's place in Sarasota I was sick and Elsie started a few days later. We are both recovered now but it was quite the journey. Elsie ended up in the hospital for five days. It was a dark time. The devil was very real trying to make us believe things. We praise God for answered prayers and those of you that knew our condition and were praying for us, thank you very much! As of this writing, we're out of quarantine for a week and have been going out and about some. We praise God for our restored health.

Our SC Prison Crusade that was scheduled for February has been canceled as well as our Pastor's Conference so we plan to stay in Florida till the end of February.

I'm maintaining my on-line presence and getting good feedback, so that's a positive thing that has come as a result of the pandemic.

We also were able to send a large shipment of bibles to Kenya Africa through a WYAM team. So that was a big blessing! We will be purchasing more bibles thanks to a generous gift from a church sewing circle. You know who you are, thank you very much!!

That's all for now, thank you for all your prayers and financial support!

Proclaiming Jesus, Philip Stutzman



Mr and Mrs Benjamin Yoder



I had the privilege of speaking at Connection Church in Wagner SC where Pastor Matthew Yoder serves as Pastor.



Bibles delivered in January



We have a Souls4Him page on FB or you can follow me on FB and Instagram under Philip Stutzman. Many have told me how they follow me as a "silent" follower and can keep up with what we are doing.

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