

Father's Day
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1. What created Pastor David's view of God early in life? What was that view?
2. David's mother encouraged the family to pray to America's God, Jesus – "the American." How have American Christians, Americanized Jesus and Christianity?
3. David's family fled for their lives. When he arrived in Killeen, TX, what type of "destruction" did he face? Did you face any similar destruction in your childhood? Explain.
4. When you were a child, on what was your view of God the Father based? Has that changed? If so, how?
5. When you meet someone, on which of the following areas do you primarily assess and value them? (overall appearance, clothes, posture, accent, skin color, socio-economic status, education, job, personality, attitude, behavior). On what criteria does God evaluate and value us?
6. **Read 1 John 3:1** **"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"** Describe what you would expect from a Father who is lavishing love on his children.
7. Tell about a difficult experience in your life that God used to bring about something good.
8. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** **"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."**
 - a. Why does this scripture say we should offer our bodies as living sacrifices?
 - b. In what ways have you found yourself conforming to the ways of the world?
 - c. According to this scripture, what is the antidote to countering this human tendency?
9. What was it that ultimately drew David to Christ? How do you react to "blatantly lost" people? When was the last time you reached out to someone that was "obviously" not a believer?
10. **Read Psalm 139:7-12.**
 - ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?**
 - Where can I flee from your presence?**
 - ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;**
 - if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
 - ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,**
 - if I settle on the far side of the sea,**
 - ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,**

your right hand will hold me fast.

**¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"**

**¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

When in your life did God pursue you? How did you respond?

11. Read Gal. 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- a. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?
- b. What does it mean to live by faith?

12. Why is it sometimes difficult for "good, religious" people to be saved?