

This is the Day...Friday

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Always on the Way

“Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24)

“Daddy” is a very powerful word. I will never forget the feeling when one of my children first referred to me as Daddy. “Daddy can you help me?” “Daddy, why is the sky blue?” “I love you, Daddy.” In the best situations, the word describes the man that a child looks to for love, courage, protection, and wisdom. Unfortunately, many people do not have that type of relationship with their earthly fathers. In some cases, the word “Dad” brings up emotions of fear or even hatred. Daddy can be a powerful word, filled with comfort and peace, or it can be a word laced with destructive thoughts. Because of this, when I became a father, the happiness and joy I felt was also met with a sense of fear. Would I be able to protect my children from this fallen world? Would I be someone they would run to in times of trouble, or someone to run from? What type of Daddy would I be? One of the lessons I always tried to teach my children was that no matter what the situation, I would always be there for them. When they called, I was always on the way.

As a young toddler, my son Ryan was very afraid of the wind and storms. Often, when a storm would roll through during the night, I would awaken to Ryan’s screams as he listened to the wind and rain hitting his bedroom window. Each time this would happen, I would spring out of the bed and run toward his room. As I was running, I would begin calling to Ryan saying, “I’m coming! I’m on the way!” And each time, I would hold him close to me and constantly tell him, “Daddy is here. I’ve got you.” The sound of the cries of my children always put me into rescue mode. When my children cry, I hear them. I am always on the way. If this is true of me as an imperfect earthly father, how much more true is it for our heavenly Father.

When we cry out in our times of need, our Father hears us and we can hear our Father, running toward us shouting, “I’m coming! I’m on the way!” The Scriptures constantly tell us, that our God is near. Our God is present. He cares about your needs. He hears your cries. And, as He holds us close, His answer is always the same. “Daddy is here. I’ve got you.” On this day God has given you, there is nothing you will face and no challenge or pain you will endure alone because our Father is always on the way.