



Welcome to Worship

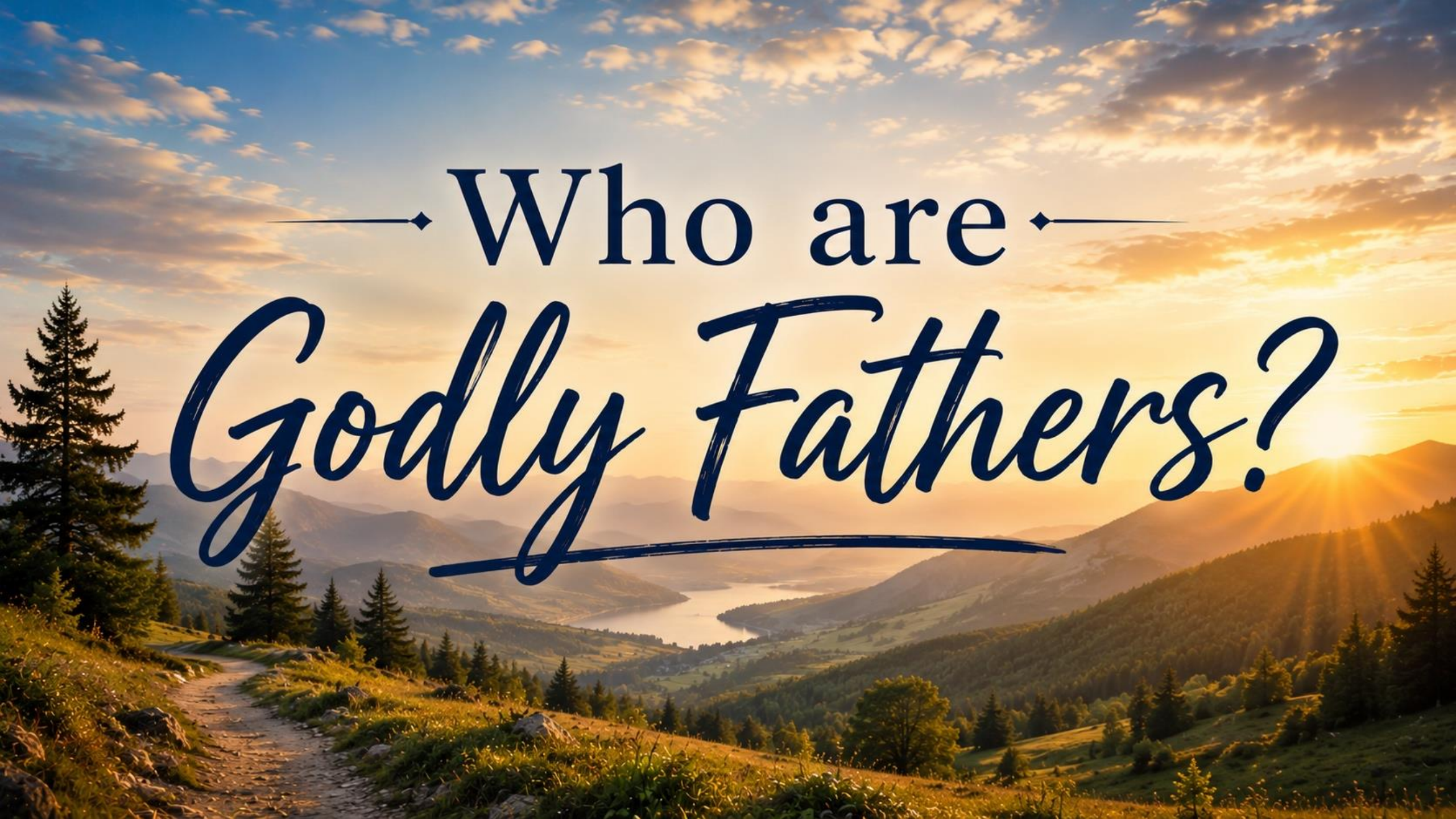
Sanford church of Christ

A scenic mountain landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm golden glow over the scene. In the foreground, a dirt path winds through a field of green grass and wildflowers. The middle ground features a calm lake reflecting the sky, surrounded by rolling hills and dense evergreen forests. In the background, majestic mountains rise against a sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and beautiful.

— HAPPY —
Father's Day!

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 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. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

John 14:8 – 11 (ESV)



Who are
Godly Fathers?



Godly Fathers

— teach their children to —

love and honor

God!

19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Genesis 18:19 (ESV)

4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9 (ESV)

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18:1 – 6 (ESV)

13 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." 15 And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Matthew 19:13 – 15 (ESV)

A Godly Father Teaches:

- By instruction
- By example
- By priorities



Joshua 24:15 (ESV) (*15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*")

Godly Fathers

teach their children to
Love and honor
the
church!



*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved
the church and gave himself up for her,*

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (ESV)

1 John 4:10 – 12 (ESV) (*10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*)

Children learn the value of the church from their parents.

- If church is:
 - Optional to Dad
 - An inconvenience to Dad
 - Merely a social activity to Dad
- Then children often adopt the same attitude.



Children learn the value of the church from their parents.

- If church is:
 - A spiritual family
 - A priority
 - A blessing
- Children learn that as well.





Godly Fathers:

- Make worship a priority.
- Encourage friendships among Christians.
- Support the work of the congregation.
- Speak positively about the church.

Godly Fathers



teach their children to

love and honor

their

mother!



4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

1 Timothy 3:4 – 5 (ESV)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Ephesians 6:1 – 3 (ESV)

7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)


28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

Proverbs 31:28 – 29 (ESV)


Show your sons how a Christian husband behaves:

- Speaks respectfully
- Listens carefully
- Serves sacrificially
- Protects faithfully



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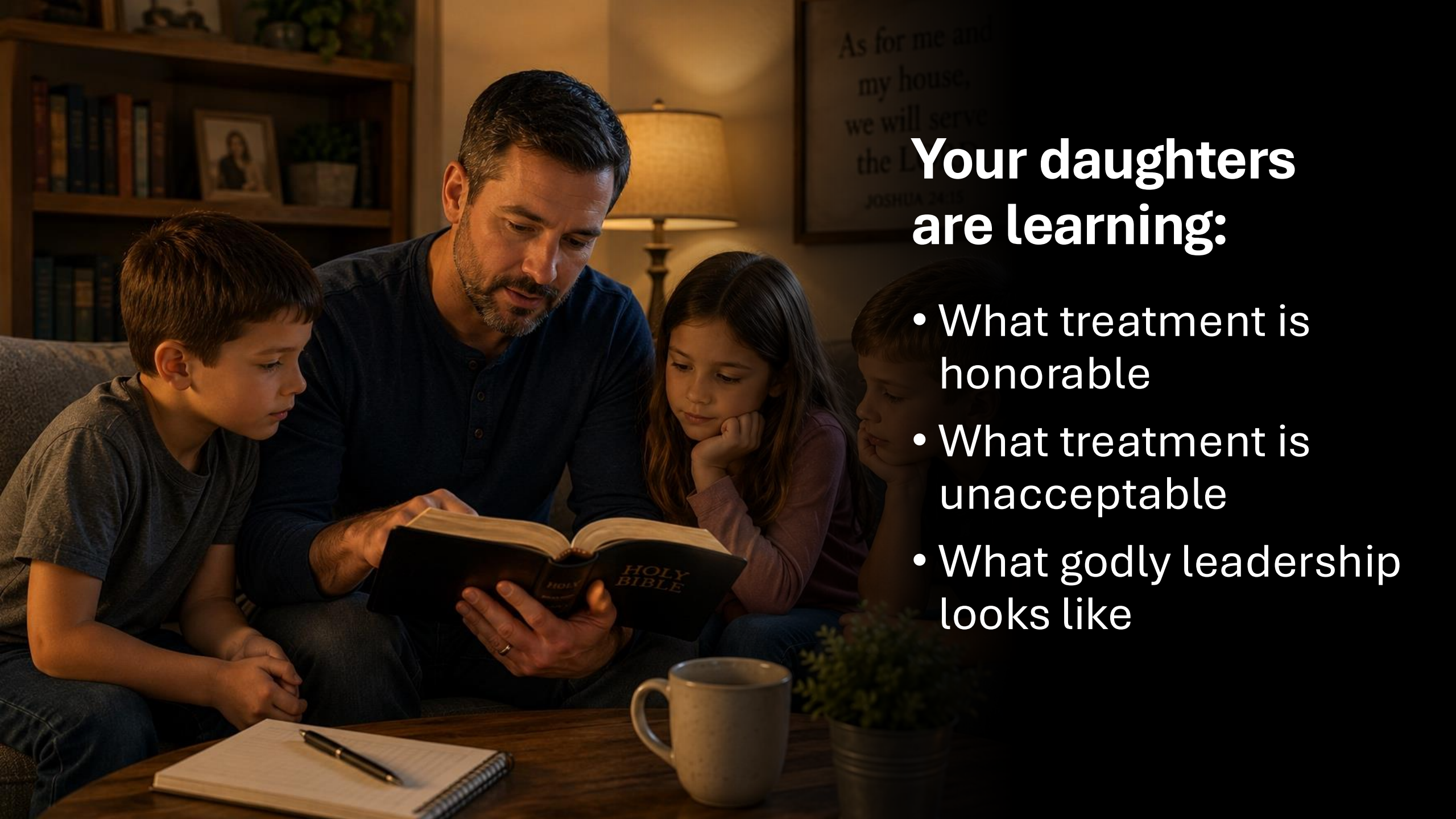
Show your
daughters
— an example of —
the character of a
**Christian
husband.**

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25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:25 – 28 (ESV)



Your daughters are learning:

- What treatment is honorable
- What treatment is unacceptable
- What godly leadership looks like

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**A father's
treatment of his wife**

— *often* —

becomes the
standard
by which children
evaluate future
relationships.



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What are
we teaching
— — — — —
your
— — — — —
children?
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As for me
and my house,
we will serve
the Lord.
JOSHUA 24:15

