



**What Kids See in
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Luke 8:40-56

Jairus' daughter saw three things in her dad: a father who was unashamed to seek Jesus, a father who brought Jesus home, and a father who expressed love for her. Fathers are encouraged to have a personal relationship with Jesus, to bring Him into the home, and to allow their children to see that relationship in practice.

How Father's Day Got Its Start

Father's Day came about by a woman named Sonora Dodd from Spokane, Washington on 1908

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I. She saw a dad unashamed to seek
Jesus

What we know about Jairus

Jairus was a ruler in the synagogue

The Greek word is archón

The town was Capernaum

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Jairus supervised the worship for the synagogue

He was well-known, highly-esteemed

Perhaps even a Pharisee

Interesting because Jesus' greatest opposition
came from the Pharisees

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What we know about Jairus

He's a desperate dad with a girl dying; he'll do anything

It is a reminder that no matter how important or how spiritual you are, you are never at a place where trouble can't find you—pain is the great equalizer of the human race

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C.S. Lewis

"God whispers to us in our pleasure and He shouts to us in our pain. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world"

Jairus overcame any pride or prejudice he had to go and seek Jesus

Jairus bowed before Jesus—worshipped Him
(see Mark 5:22)

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What Paul says about the role of Fathers?

Ephesians 6:4 “Fathers do not provoke your children to wrath but bring them up in the training and the admonition of the Lord”

James Dobson said, "The Western world stands at a great crossroads in its history... Our very survival as a people will depend on the presence or absence of masculine leadership in the home"

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Why such a big deal about dads?

A child's view of God depends so much on the father-parent relationship

Daughters will grow up and marry a man; she needs to know what kind of a man to look for

Sons are going to grow up and marry a woman; he needs to know what kind of a man to become

Actively, positively nurture your child to maturity

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II. Jairus was a dad who brought Jesus home

Let your children see that you are a dad who
invites Jesus into your home

When you invite Jesus to be the Lord of your
home, you are protecting your home

Martin Luther said, "You can't stop birds from
flying over your head, but you can certainly stop
them from building a nest in your hair"

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III. Jairus was a dad who expressed his love for his kids

To a child, love is spelled **T-I-M-E**

An anonymous father wrote: "One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, what sort of house I lived in, or what kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child"

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Celebrate our heavenly Father, our
relational Father