"Dad, I've Been Meaning to Ask You..."

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
FATHER'S DAY!
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Various Scriptures

BIG IDEA: Our Dads have a wealth of knowledge to impart.

"My son, obey my words, and treasure my commands." Proverbs 7:1 (CSB)

QUESTION #1: HONESTY

o Is <u>honesty</u> really the best <u>policy</u>?

"Dishonest scales are detestable to the LORD, but **an accurate weight is his delight**." Proverbs 11:1 (CSB)

QUESTION #2: <u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>

 What is the greatest <u>achievement</u> or proudest <u>moment</u> of your <u>life</u>?

"This is what the LORD says:

'The wise person should not boast in his wisdom;
the strong should not boast in his strength;
the wealthy should not boast in his wealth.
But the one who boasts should boast in this:
that he understands and knows me—
that I am the LORD, showing faithful love,
justice, and righteousness on the earth,
for I delight in these things.
This is the LORD's declaration."

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (CSB)

QUESTION #3: DISCIPLINE

O Why did you discipline us?

Discipline your son while there is hope;

don't set your heart on being the cause of his death.

Proverbs 19:18 (CSB)

QUESTION #4: KINDNESS

o Is it manly to show compassion?

"...**be kind and compassionate** to one another..."

Ephesians 4:32a (CSB)

QUESTION #5: FORGIVENESS

 How do you <u>forgive</u> those who've <u>wronged</u> you and how do you ask for <u>forgiveness</u> when you've <u>wronged</u> someone else?

...[forgive] one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Ephesians 4:32b (CSB)

QUESTION #6: EMPATHY

 What's the best way to <u>help</u> others when they are <u>facing</u> <u>difficulties</u>?

"...comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:4b (CSB)

QUESTION #7: PROMISES

O How do you keep from making promises you can't keep?

But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one. Matthew 5:37 (CSB)

QUESTION #8: GENEROSITY

O How much should I give to others?

"In every way I've shown you that it is necessary to help the weak by laboring like this and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (CSB)

QUESTION #9: BENEVOLENCE

 What should my <u>attitude</u> be toward those less <u>fortunate</u> than myself?

"For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you,

"Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in your land.""

Deuteronomy 15:11 (CSB)

QUESTION #10: LOVE

O What makes families special?

"Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly."

1 Peter 1:22 (CSB)

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READ: Re-read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & any of the other passages that especially speak to you.

THINK: Think back on your father's good advice down through the years, and then ask yourself the following questions: What are some of the best memories of Dad? Dad, what answers would you give to your children if they asked these and other questions?

DO: When you make your Father's Day phone call back home, take a few moments to tell your Dad what you've learned from him and ask him some of these questions and maybe others you'd like him to answer. Share with him how he's fulfilled these Scriptures.