

## “Dads 4 2Day”

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*Various Scriptures*

**BIG IDEA:** Successful Dads aren't flawless, but they are willing to look in the mirror.

*“Fathers, do not exasperate your children,  
so that they won't become discouraged.”  
Colossians 3:21 (CSB)*



### **King David: A Passive Dad.**

- **The Review: David was a success at work, but a failure at home.**
- **The Result: David lost the hearts of his children.**
- **The Reflection: David was still a man of integrity.**



### **Abraham: A Controlling Dad.**

- **The Review: Abraham relied on himself more than on God.**
- **The Result: Abraham made bad marriage and parenting choices.**
- **The Reflection: Abraham was still a man of faith.**



### **The Prodigal Father: A Generous Dad.**

- **The Review: The Father allowed his sons to fail, while still offering forgiveness and relational restoration.**

- **The Result: The Father struck a balance between neglectful passivity and domineering control.**
- **The Reflection: Through it all, the Father was still a man of grace.**

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**READ:** 2 Samuel 13-16; Acts 13:22; Genesis 12, 15:6; 16, 21, 22; Hebrews 11:8, 11, 17; Galatians 3:6-9; Luke 15:11-32

**THINK:** Consider the 3 Dads in this message, then ask yourself these questions: *With which of these 3 Dads do you identify most? What circumstances, situations, or conditions distract you from giving your family proper attention? Why is David considered a man after God's own heart? How did Abraham struggle to rely on God and not himself? Why is Abraham considered a man of faith and the friend of God? In what ways does the Prodigal Father demonstrate control and restraint with his sons?*

**DO:** Of the 3 paternal challenges in this message, identify the one you need to address as a first priority. What steps can you take this week to engage as a Dad & Father, live by faith, and demonstrate grace at home?