

Daddies and Slippery Socks A Salute to Fathers

by Susie Cortright

There's just something about a daddy.

If mom is sustained, lasting light, dad is a spark. It's certainly true in my family, where the men simply produce a different kind of energy. Dads and Grandpas are wonderfully familiar but, at the same time, exotic.

Some of my most vivid memories from childhood took place during weekend car rides, just me and my Dad. They are engraved in my memory not because we did anything particularly exciting or adventurous - these were mostly just weekly errands, with the occasional stop at a donut shop. And it wasn't the conversation; we didn't talk a whole lot. There was just something different about being with him.

It's that way in the family I've created, too. For my daughters, Cassie and Calliope, Daddy is an exclamation point at the end of each day.

I'm sure two-year-old Cassie doesn't know how to tell time, but at precisely 6:30 every weeknight, she's got her nose pressed against the glass, waiting for daddy's truck to rumble up the driveway.

Calliope, almost three months old, coos and grins at me all day, but when Dad comes home, her muscles start to work. She starts making little jabs with her arms and legs. Her mouth forms an o-shape. She's a picture of pure concentration.

When my daughter and I were living with my parents awaiting Calliope's birth, Grandpa would announce his arrival each evening with two quick honks. "Grandpa! Grandpa!" Cassie would run to the door so fast that her socks would send her sliding across the linoleum.

The wide-eyed way Cassie looks at the men in her life just melts my heart. I can only imagine what it does to them. Like most toddlers, her whole face has a feeling, not just her mouth.

I wonder how things would change - with our husbands, our fathers, our mothers, our children, our friends - if we all greeted one another like this. If we carried this intensity into all of our relationships. If we ran so fast we slid to greet the important people in our lives.

A recent Oprah episode had Toni Morrison asking, "Do your eyes light up when your children come into the room?" Because that's what they are looking for, she said.

I find myself reflecting on that wisdom frequently. Because isn't that what we're all looking for?

Today, see if you can make sure someone finds it.



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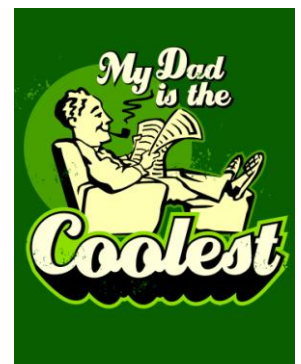
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Bible Verse for June...Psalm 33:13-15

It's easy to feel lonely and insignificant in a world full of people, or even in a church full of people. But God's children never need to feel either. The Lord not only knows you specifically, He personally "fashioned" your heart.

- The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.
- From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;
- He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

The word fashion in verse 15 is “yatsar” in Hebrew. It speaks of how a potter works clay and has the idea of forming, molding, planning, making, framing or shaping for a predetermined or preordained purpose. In other words, it is the picture of something being made or built in a special way for a particular reason.

God made you for a specific purpose. He fashioned you a reason, for a particular use and for a specific role in His Great Plan. **How do I know what my heart that purpose is?**

You may not know exactly and specifically until you meet the Lord face to face. He reveals it to different people in different ways at different times in different degrees. But one thing is sure... For the Christian, we have the security, the comfort, and the contentment of knowing **for an absolute fact** that God fashioned each of us for a specific purpose. If we turn to God, listen to God, obey God and fellowship with God... that purpose will be unfolded, revealed and played out over the course of our life.

Your duty now is to be available for that use; to be listening to God for instructions and direction; and to live in faith and trust that God's individual design for you will be fulfilled, even if you aren't sure what it is or see the big picture

A DOCTOR WROTE...WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER...

A couple of days ago I was running (I use that term very loosely) on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio...and I was BLOWN AWAY! I want to share what I learned.

He (Louie) was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is.....how He spoke the universe into being....how He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire....etc. Etc. Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint, you know.)and I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork I remember so many times thinking....'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this??'

Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart...how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then I lost my breath.

And it wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either!!!

It was because he started talking about laminin.

I knew about laminin. Here is how wikipedia describes it: 'Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see...laminins are what hold us together....LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell.. Without them, we would literally fall apart. And I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what laminin LOOKED LIKE.

But now I do.

And I have thought about it a thousand times since (already)....

Here is what the structure of laminin looks like...AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it....if you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see...

Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing.

The glue that holds us together....ALL of us....is in the shape of the cross.

Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth visible and invisible,

Whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things HOLD TOGETHER. 'Colossians 1:15-17.

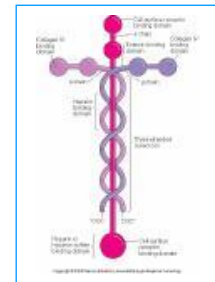
I just think that is very, very, very cool.

Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together...one cell to another....by the cross.

You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam even breathed his first breath!!

"Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing who holds the future."

I wanted you to know and to understand that YOU are being held together by the cross of Jesus Christ. His love. His forgiveness and His marvelous power....



What's Happenin'

STEAM VENT



Coffee House

Musician's Showcase
Every 2nd Saturday
6 - 10 PM
Open Mic/Jam at 9



LIVE MUSIC - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Folk - Country - Bluegrass - Jazz - Light Rock
For more information call 860-482-3491

Steam Vent Café - Open 6-8 pm

First Church of Winsted 95 North Main Street

Steam Vent Coffee Houses will run every 2nd Saturday through November. If you would like a chance to perform, please call Debbie at 860-482-3491.

Benefit: Mission Activities

EVERY SUNDAY THIS SUMMER, FROM 2 TIL 4 PM

PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD ON THE GREEN OR IN THE COURTYARD

VISIT WWW.RIVERTONCT.COM FOR A COMPLETE LISTING

June 6 Harmonious Brass Choir
June 13 Collette Hurst Jazz Quintet
June 20 Cindy Rines - singer/songwriter
June 27 Litchfield Dance Party - pop, disco and funk
July 4 - no show today - Happy Independence Day!
July 11 - Special Double Header:
2pm Dark Horse - easy rock & bluegrass
3pm Doug Mahard - singer/songwriter
July 18 Resonant Experts - saxophone quartet
July 25 Kristen Graves - singer/songwriter
August 1 Opening Night - classic rock 'n' roll
August 8 Greg Hoffmann - folk & blues
August 15 The Rivertones - vocal harmony
August 22 Travelin' Trout - folk, blues, country
August 29 Jeannine - sings the American songbook
Sept 5 Jukebox Surprise - singalong w/AM & FM favorites
Sept 12 C Side Alley - country, blues & folk-rock
Sept 19 Valley Swing Shift - big band music

RIVERTON SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
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**Next Mission Trip
planning meeting**
Sunday, June 6
**following worship
service.**

**Note: All participants
(and parents) - It's very
important to attend
the meetings!**





My Dad

My Dad's hands are strong
and they're big and they're tough
but when I need help
they're gentle enough.

My Dad's hands can teach me
to work and to give
and by their example
I'll learn how to live.

Right now my hands are small
and learning good from bad
but some day I hope my hands
will be just like my Dad's!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>		<i>Looking Forward</i>	
Sunday - 10 am	Worship	June 4	CDC Graduations 7 PM
Monday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Senior Choir	June 6	Children's Sunday
Tuesday - 6 pm	Rehearsal~Cherub Choir	June 13	Laurel Parade 2 PM
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	AA / Alanon Meetings	June 20	Father's Day Brunch
Thursday - 7:00 pm	Rehearsal~Laurel City Singers	June 26	Walk-a-thon for Mexico Mission
		<i>Board Meetings...</i>	
		May 04 7:00 pm	PM Board
		May 11 7:00 pm	Board of Christian Ed.
		May 18 6:30 pm	Deacons
		May 25 7:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
			

Birthdays

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 – Courtney Kane
 06 – Ronda LeKang
 08 – Paul Richards
 10 – Paul Richards, Jr.
 11 – Cat Wu
 12 – Patty McAllister
 16 – Bruce Sherman
 20 – Sarah Majewski
 22 – Brittaney M. Gilbert
 25 – Ame Steele
 28 – Robin Hassig

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

03 – Charles & Laura McCaw
 12 – Bud & Lynda Roberts
 19 – Robb & Kim Janak
 22 – Dan & Denise Jones
 23 – Steve & Cindy Roys
 26 – Skip & MaryPat
 Frederickson

SUMMER CHURCH

Sunday School will be available...beginning June 27th...

So what is missing in Summer Church Services....???



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Come one down...
summer is fun!

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Artist: Karen Delton		1 PM Board 7:00 pm	2 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	3	4 CDC Graduation	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 am Children's Sunday Mission Trip Fundraising Meeting	7 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	8 Chris Ed 6:30	9 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	10	11	12  STEAM VENT Coffee House 6-10 PM
13 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:20 am Laurel Parade 2PM	14 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	15 Deacons 7:00 pm	16 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Worship Service 10:00 am Father's Day\ Brunch	21 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	22 Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm	23 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	24	25	26 Walk-a-Thon For Mission Trip
27 Worship Service 10:00 am Senior Choir 9:20 am	28 Senior Choir 6:00 pm	29	30 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	July 1	July 2	July 3
July 4 Worship Service 10:00 am	July 5 Memorial Day	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9 Mad River Crossing At Coe Park	July 10