

A Father You Can Run To June 20, 2021- Don Williams

John 5:16-23

“So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.”

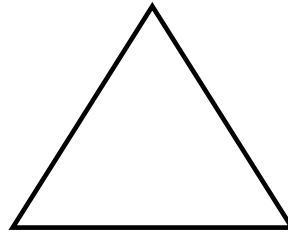
What Does the Father Do?

- 1) **The Father makes people a priority.**

2) **The Father empowers the Son (v.19)**

God is not looking for people to work **for** Him but people who let Him work **through** them.

3) **The Father Loves He doesn't Judge (vs. 20,22)**



We obey the Father because we love Him not because we are afraid of Him.

How Did Your Father Do?

- The Father Makes People a Priority.
- The Father Empowers His Children.
- The Father Loves He Doesn't Judge.

Whatever your earthly Father has hurt, your heavenly Father can heal.

John 8:42-44

“Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come

here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Father of Life or Father of Lies?

Lie--Don't get too close because you look terrible.

Truth—The closer you are the more you change.

Lie—Don't get too close because He will judge you.

Colossians 2:13-15

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

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Lie-- don't get too close until you get everything right.

Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Let's run to the Father of Life
Let's run away from the Father of Lies