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*"Here's our . . ."*

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## INTRODUCTION

**To you, Dad, before we begin . . .**

*I'm* not sure how this book came to be in your possession. I'm not sure what you were looking for or what someone you love was thinking when this book was purchased. What I do know is what you'll find inside.

Our prayer is that each of these one hundred devotions connects you to the heart, wisdom, and strength of your Father in heaven. That's the mission we've been assigned.

Who are we? I am Dr. Mark Pitts, Becky Thompson's dad. We cowrote this book together. I met and married my wife, Susan, while I was attending the University of Tulsa College of Law, where I earned a Juris Doctorate degree. I have two grown daughters, Beth and Becky (of course). Together, we have been in part-time or full-time ministry for thirty-eight years, establishing and planting churches and starting dozens of new ministries.

A few years ago, Becky began a nightly prayer ministry online called Midnight Mom Devotional, reaching out to moms all across the world. Soon, she invited Susan to help her lead this ministry. Each night, with a short devotion and prayer, they connected women to each other and to the hope of Jesus.

Not surprisingly, as a family we began to feel as though the mission

of this ministry was expanding to create a space to reach dads as well. And so the Midnight Dad Devotional was created long before you held this book in your hands. We've been praying for dads just like you for years now in our online community.

However, I didn't want to limit this work to just a set of nightly prayers. Instead, I wanted to give dads an opportunity to see themselves in the words of Scripture. I wanted them to understand that, with the exception of Jesus, God has always used ordinary people to do remarkable things.

That's where you come in, Dad. You are a man God can use. God knows we are imperfect. And the sooner we dads recognize that fact, the sooner we can exchange those imperfections for His goodness. And isn't that what you really want? To be more like Him and still rest in His peace, His security, and His blessing?

I want you to see yourself in these biblical examples and believe that you have (or can have) God's love safely and securely in your heart. At the same time, I don't want you to settle. I hope you realize there is always a better or a best to the good you already are.

God has called you to the role of father, and you have God Himself as a role model. All these devotions and prayers are intended to draw you closer to God's heart. He is, of course, the perfect Father, and He wants you to come up higher and closer to His standard. The examples in this book are intended to show you that you are already on that journey, and you can make it.

We are praying for you as you begin.

*Dr. Mark Pitts and Becky Thompson*

# 1

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO KNOWS GOD AS HIS FATHER

*D*ad, as we embark on our journey of discovering our role as fathers, the most important thing we can understand is that we, ourselves, have a heavenly Father who loves us, cares for us, and provides for us, just as we love, care for, and provide for our children. By understanding God as Father, we understand who we are as dads. Jesus taught us about knowing our Father.

Matthew 6:9 says, “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name’” (NIV). Take notice. Jesus didn’t say “My Father.” He didn’t say, “Oh, God, Creator of the universe.” He said to His disciples (and to us) to pray to God as though we have a personal relationship with Him.

At the time these words were spoken, this was a seismic shift in the people’s understanding of God. This was the first time in Scripture anyone had been taught to pray to God as their own Father. The people could only understand that God was God. Jesus expanded the peoples’ hearts to believe exactly who God could be to them: a Dad.

The same may be true for us. We have been taught that God is God, but we forget He is our Father. So, Dad, a note right here at the beginning: you have a Father. In every circumstance, every trial, He is waiting to hear from you. He wants to hear your heart. As you go through these devotions, daily, weekly, or however often you enter in, remember that you can look to Him, your Dad, to carry you through whatever you are facing. He wants every good thing for you just as you want every good thing for your children. And more than anything, He wants to connect with your heart.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* as this dad prays to You in the words that Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father in heaven," help him understand the true meaning of that relationship. Help him to know the joy and the power and the goodness of that relationship. As You reveal Yourself in these next ninety-nine teachings, help him capture what is in Your heart so he can be the best dad for his children by better knowing You as his Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

Take a moment to pray the Lord's Prayer.  
It is found in Matthew 6:9–13.

# 2

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO HAS QUESTIONS

*I*t's okay to have questions about the things Jesus taught and said and did. After all, the events in the Gospels took place about two thousand years ago. There were different customs, different cultures, and different ways to look at the world. Sometimes, as a modern man, it can be difficult to understand everything that was happening. It was okay then, and it's okay now to ask questions.

There was one such man in Scripture named Nicodemus who had many questions. He was a renowned teacher in Israel who believed that God had said everything that needed to be said in the Old Testament writings. He lived his life teaching this concept. For most of his life, he was certain he was correct. Until Jesus of Nazareth came.

The Scripture says, "Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him'" (John 3:1–2 NIV).

Nicodemus wanted to know from Jesus just how He came from God. They had a lengthy conversation, which included the famous words, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (v. 16 NIV). Nicodemus asked his questions and Jesus gave His answers. There is no other recorded contact between them.

Listen, Dad—while it is okay to ask questions, what you do with the answers is even more important. When you receive your answers, allow them to bring you closer to the Lord. Allow your story to be richer and deeper. Allow the answers to change your life as well.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* sometimes this dad has questions, and he wants answers. He believes that only You have the real answers to the questions in his life. Just as any good father stands ready to answer the honest questions of his child, so You desire to answer Your children. Show him that You are never out of his reach. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

What are you bringing to Jesus this week?  
What answers are you listening for?

# 3

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO IS ALWAYS PREPARED

When you think of the word *prepared*, what comes to mind? You probably think about having the right equipment or knowledge or attitude. Preparation looks different for each of us, but I'd define it this way: preparation is the soul of success.

When it comes to being a dad, you have prepared all of your life for the opportunity to lead, guide, and direct a family. It's your responsibility. You know it. Whether or not you were raised in a home where your dad prepared every day to make a way for his family, you feel the weight of it for yours. You want to be able to say that with Christ's help you've done your best in all circumstances that day. That you've left nothing out. That when the lights are out, and it's quiet, and just before you fall asleep, you know that this day, and everything else associated with it, is complete. Isn't that what you really want? That's why you prepare.

Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps" (NKJV). We must understand here

that it is the Lord who provides the goal, sets the vision, and determines the outcome. While we can and should make our plans, no plans should be made without our heavenly Father's influence. So also, while we do our part to prepare our lives, we cannot overlook the importance of looking to God to prepare our hearts and minds. He knows what's up ahead. We bring our best offering. He takes the desires of our hearts and wraps them in wisdom and grace. Together we can face anything.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* this dad has learned that the better he prepares for each day, the easier that day progresses, the more he achieves, and the more successful he feels. He looks to You to prepare His heart and mind. Give this dad who has already prepared for tomorrow a good night's sleep with the peace he richly deserves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

As you pray this week, what is it that you are preparing for that you need God's help with in order to succeed? He is more than willing to meet you at the place of your need and walk you through it.

# 4

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO IS WISE

*I*n Matthew 7:24–27, Jesus shared a story of two homes:

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. (NIV)

You have likely heard this story before. It's an obvious analogy that is easy for us to apply to our lives. We build our families on the hope of Jesus as the Rock, and when life's storms come, we are able to withstand them. Those who heard this story at the time of Jesus' telling it understood a much deeper meaning.

When Jesus shared these words, building a house on sand was easier, cheaper, and so much quicker. A house constructed on sand could

be built all at once. But this house was always in danger of collapse. A house built on a rock required much more planning, and because of the additional costs it could often be built only in stages.

As wise dads, we must remember both lessons. We must choose to build our lives on Jesus and His Word, but we must also remember that we choose to build this life day by day, season by season, segment by segment. This is the lifestyle of a wise dad. Daily we choose small, solid victories rather than an easy out, knowing that when we do, we won't have to fear collapse.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* You know that this dad wants to protect his children, and this requires wise choices to move forward. Help him be careful to weigh the risks and take small steps if necessary rather than losing a lot. Your plans are safe, and this dad's family has peace because they know You have provided exactly what they need in every season to build for this moment. Bless this wise dad. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

As you pray this week, think about the small victories that have led up to large successes in your life. What were some of them?

# 5

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO NEEDS A MIRACLE

*A*s a dad, you have moments when you realize your own limits. At every age your children meet you with new challenges. You press as hard or go as far as you can, and yet it doesn't seem to be enough. Further effort is required, yet you have reached your limit. You need a miracle. You need something only God can do. One dad in Scripture named Jairus experienced just this.

In Jesus' day, religious leaders were credited with certain medical knowledge and expertise. They were not healers, but they could recommend certain therapies that were effective. But Jairus's daughter was sick, and Jairus had done all there was to do for her. Can you imagine his desperation? If you were one of those religious leaders and neither you nor anyone you knew had the expertise to heal your child? Now imagine your last gasp of hope lived in the person of a relatively unknown healer named Jesus of Nazareth, someone rumored to be performing miracles. What would you do? You'd likely do what we all would. Whatever it takes. Jairus did just that. He went to Jesus,

knowing he had reached his own limit. And Mark 5:35–36 records, “While He was still speaking, people came from the synagogue leader’s house and said, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?’ But when Jesus overheard what was said, He told the synagogue leader, ‘Don’t be afraid. Only believe.’” Jairus listened to Jesus, and at the end of the day, his daughter was completely healed.

As a dad you try to find help for your children. You won’t let anything get in between you and them. You will put aside everything that stands between your own life and theirs. You will fight to your last breath to see them whole. Jesus reminded Jairus that fear would not heal his child. But believing in the saving power of Jesus would. Jairus did, and so can you. Today let’s believe for a miracle in your life and for your family!

### LET’S PRAY

*Lord,* Jairus planned for success. Yet ultimately he needed Your power. This dad is willing to look to You for Your answers because he believes You honor Your promises. Continue to give him confidence to always bring his needs to You in prayer in every circumstance, no matter how desperate. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

This week as you pray, remember those who are desperate for a miracle and include them in your petitions to the Lord.

# 6

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO KNOWS THAT RAISING CHILDREN IS AN IMPORTANT MISSION

*A*lthough it might not seem on the outside to be an assignment that will change the world, the task God has appointed to us will do just that. We are called to be fathers. Our mission is made up of a million small and yet highly significant moments. Each one matters, even if we don't easily see it.

There is a story in Scripture about men who helped Jesus fulfill His mission. Because Jesus was the Messiah, the One who had been foretold by prophets, it was of the utmost importance that Jesus fulfill every prophetic word spoken about the Messiah in the Old Testament. During the celebration of the Passover week, in which Jesus would be crucified, one of the more obscure events that was foretold declared that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey. But in order for that scripture to be fulfilled, it was very important that someone go get the donkey.

Mark 11:1–2 records, “When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples and told them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.’”

Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures at every turn of His life because He was the Messiah, and the Old Testament foretells that fact. Just like this moment with the donkey, some things have to be taken care of at a particular time, for a particular reason, by particular people. Sometimes we just don’t see the importance of what we are doing in our roles as dads, but everything you do as a father is important. It might not always seem like it. But destinies are created one mission at a time.

### LET’S PRAY

*Lord,* this dad loves his job as father, and when he awakes, he makes sure he’s ready to accomplish his mission. He believes that each day is a gift from God and that he has a responsibility to take care of it. He holds his family close, whether he’s physically near or far, and completes the mission God has given him for them. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

As you go through your week, pay attention to the little missions, remembering each small moment fulfills a greater call.

# 7

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO NEEDS FORGIVENESS

*O*n the day Jesus was crucified, two men were led down a road and up a hill with Him to a place of crucifixion. Jesus was nailed to His cross first, followed by the other men in turn, one on either side of Him. During the day, as the crowds came for this very public execution, some of the people watching berated and mocked Jesus, daring Him to save Himself and come down from the cross.

Jesus asked His Father not to hold these injustices against them. Finally, one of the robbers who was being crucified chided Him and told Jesus that He should save Himself and “us,” meaning the two crucified with Him. As Luke told the story, it appears that the two robbers knew each other and they were very bad men. Scripture reflects that these were thieves who had shown no remorse for their crimes. It was also clear that only one of the men was penitent.

Luke 23:40–43 records that the second robber rebuked the first, saying,

“Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “I assure you: Today you will be with Me in paradise.”

Jesus knew what was in this man’s heart, and when he asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus replied with an assurance that he would experience the presence of God on that very day. This man’s heart had been changed, perhaps at the last minute, and Jesus heard his prayer. Jesus forgave the small injustices as well as the large crimes. Dad, He stands ready to forgive you as well.

### LET’S PRAY

*Lord,* this dad may think he is unforgivable. He needs to know that You are a forgiving God and that it is Your desire to be in a relationship with all Your children. He needs to know that there doesn’t have to be a perfect time to ask for forgiveness. You are always ready to hear his prayer. Speak to his willing heart when he asks. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

Take a moment to reconnect with your heavenly Father by asking for forgiveness. He already knows, but there is a powerful exchange in the asking and receiving.

# 8

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO JUST BECAME A DAD

*B*ecoming a dad comes upon us in a myriad of circumstances. But, generally speaking, we become dads in a hospital, a home, or a courtroom. When you first find out you're going to be a dad, it can be overwhelming. Even if you've planned for it, the actual news can cause you to step back for a second. It doesn't matter where you are in life; the announcement of your fatherhood brings a rush of emotions to all of us. In the Scriptures, Zechariah was one such father who received that news. Except he received it from an angel. Which, in its own right, was an astonishing circumstance. We read his story in Luke 1:18–20:

“How can I know this?” Zechariah asked the angel. “For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years.” The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. Now listen! You will become silent and unable to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

Zechariah had sought after God continuously throughout his life and ministry. He prayed for the opportunity to show his worthiness as a father and also as a priest. You see, priests were often fathers because of a man's age when he became a priest. Throughout Scripture we see priestly fathers representing the children of Israel to God. Zechariah would now have his own child to present to the Lord. As the angel delivered this news, Zechariah was so surprised that, just for a moment, he wondered if he'd heard correctly.

Dad, God understands that the announcement of being a father can be quite overwhelming. But you can trust that He will be with you every step of the way. You can do this with His help, and it will be one of the most wonderful things in your life.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* help this dad in his wonderful role of fatherhood as he learns to wear the mantle proudly and gladly. Please show him that through Christ he is able to rise to this challenge. Remind him that fatherhood is a joy. Whether this child is his first or one of several, remind him that You continue to walk with him daily and teach him how to be a great dad. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

This week as you pray, remember the new dads you know. This may be a difficult season for them, and they will appreciate your prayers and support.

# 9

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

*We* live in a busy world, don't we? It's easy for prayer to drop down the list of what must be done, but we cannot overlook the importance of it. In the time of Jesus, people prayed at least three times a day, reciting specific prayers. One of these daily prayers can be found in Deuteronomy 6:4: "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One." In fulfilling all prophecies, Jesus would have prayed this prayer every day as a rabbi.

In Matthew 22:36–37, a lawyer came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" He [Jesus] said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'"

Jesus reminded the lawyer that this instruction to love God was found in the verse immediately following the prayer, a prayer the lawyer prayed every day. That prayer declaring that God is One reflected the majesty of God, the promises of God, and the righteousness of God. He is everything and provides everything we need. Jesus wanted

the lawyer to see that a relationship with God was more important than an enumeration of rules and commandments and that we can have a relationship with God when we understand who God is.

So often we need to be reminded of this. We must remember that prayer is so much more than just asking and waiting and hoping. It is a conversation with God that strengthens us to such a degree that we become more like God as we share our hearts with Him. As we do, our hearts are changed into the image of His heart. You see, God wants us to be in relationship with Him even more than we do. The purpose of prayer isn't to reach a certain outcome, but to be transformed by the outpouring of our hearts to God's and His response to us.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* Jesus showed all of us that when we pray we can have a relationship with You, our Father in heaven, the same way He did. This dad wants to see what You see and know what You know. He wants to know Your heart and hear Your words. Help him make prayer the first thing in his life, remembering that every good thing flows from putting You first. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

This week do your best to make prayer a priority, whether that means first thing in the morning or as you go throughout your day. Share your heart, trusting there is power in the process.

# 10

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO USES WHAT'S IN HIS HANDS

*A*s dads, we have a fairly good idea what we're going to encounter in our daily routine. We use tools and provisions in our jobs to accomplish our responsibilities. Those tools are important to us, and we've learned how to use them over time. We are proficient with them. If you are a welder, you use a torch. If you are a carpenter, a hammer and nails are your tools. Your tools might also be a stethoscope or a fire hose. Or even a computer's mouse or your own voice. Whatever the tools are, you use them to provide your family with security and peace.

Moses had spent forty years as a shepherd using his staff. He protected his family by warding off enemies that would steal from them. He used it to protect the sheep, which represented his livelihood, from wolves and bears. He knew this tool and how to use it for a specific purpose. So when God called Moses to return to Egypt to free His people, and Moses wondered how the people would believe that God sent him, God answered in Exodus 4:2, "What is that in your hand?"

‘A staff,’ he replied.” It was with this staff, once used for sheep, that God performed miracles to bring freedom to His people.

God wanted Moses to know that not only was Moses a man God could use, but also that God could use Moses’ own tools to accomplish His plan. He trusted Moses to use what he’d been given to the very best of his ability. And He promised that He would multiply whatever Moses had to achieve God’s desired result.

Dad, God knows who you are and your desire to do everything necessary to provide for and protect your children. He’s given you exactly the tools you need to take care of them. You may not do something as earth-shattering as parting the Red Sea with your tools. But just like Moses, what you use daily can perform miracles in people’s lives when you trust God and use your skills, tools, and talents for His glory.

### LET’S PRAY

*Lord,* we pray for this dad who uses whatever he has available to secure peace for his family. He is dedicated to this role as provider and protector, and he believes he can do that with what he has. *Lord,* give this dad confidence in his calling, strength in his fulfillment, and the peace that You are responsible for the results. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

How can you use the tools in your hands  
for God’s kingdom this week?

# 11

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO LEAVES A LEGACY

*W*hen you think of the word *legacy*, what comes to mind? Maybe you think of what you've accomplished in business or your trade. Maybe you think about how years from now, your friends or those in your community will speak about how you served them today. But I wonder if you have ever considered your spiritual legacy.

In Acts 10:1–2 we learn about a man named Cornelius in Caesarea, “a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment. He was a devout man and feared God along with his whole household. He did many charitable deeds for the Jewish people and always prayed to God.” This man was not Jewish, yet he knew God and was considered devout, doing good works for those around him. All the people in the region knew of his reputation for his acts of kindness, which he did without expecting anything in return. Cornelius was a good man, known and respected by many.

Perhaps it was because of his God-fearing heart and reputation for generosity that God decided to use him to shift the course of the

apostle Peter's ministry. Peter, the friend and follower of Jesus, spread the good news of the Messiah after Jesus returned to heaven. But Peter's ministry had been to share this news with Jewish men. It wasn't until God sent Peter to meet Cornelius, a non-Jew, that Peter learned something that would change history. When Peter shared about Jesus, all of Cornelius's family was saved. This was wonderful for them and great for us, because it was through their redemption we learned salvation is available for everyone.

Cornelius's kindness left a legacy of character, but his devotion to God left a legacy that affected generations, including us today. What you do for God matters. It matters for you, and it matters for your kids. Don't overlook the importance of your spiritual legacy.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* this dad wants to leave a legacy for his children. He is seeing them change daily. He knows he has to keep up if he's going to have an influence in their lives. He has to show his children that they are loved. As this dad shows the love that You show him, he's beginning his legacy right now. Enlarge his heart to contain more of Your truth and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

Consider how you are investing today in your children's spiritual inheritance.

# 12

## TONIGHT WE PRAY FOR THE DAD WHO STANDS UP FOR WHAT IS GOOD

Children like to think of their dad as a superhero, especially when they are little. Even the youngest children somehow understand the battle between good and evil, and they think their dad is the person who can set the world straight when evil tries to win. It's why they call out for us when they are scared or alone or need help. It's because they know we stand on the side of love and safety. And we know that we have a God we can look to in the same way.

There is a story in the Bible about a man named Elijah. He was a prophet of God who stood up for the Lord against one of the vilest kings of Israel, Ahab. There came a showdown between Elijah and the evil prophets of Baal set in place by Ahab. The false prophets built an altar and Elijah built an altar. Both called down fire on their sacrifices, but only the true God's fire consumed Elijah's altar.

First Kings 18:39 records, "When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said, 'Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!'" The people responded this way for two reasons. They saw the power of

God. But they saw this power because just before calling down the fire, Elijah had told the people to stand near him. He believed in the goodness of the Lord, and he wanted to show them that God did not and would not fail.

As dads, we stand up for what is good, and we look to the Lord to back us. We believe God will be on our side. We believe He won't fail us. And so we draw our children close to watch. We make sure they have opportunities to see God be big in our circumstances. We make sure they see His power on display.

### LET'S PRAY

*Lord,* this dad isn't here by chance. You placed him in this very important position of showing his children Your truth, righteousness, and goodness. He stands in Your favor and power. Strengthen his resolve to always be ready to take this responsibility. Help him find moments to pull his children close so they see when we align ourselves with what You call good, we have the power to face anything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

This week ask the Lord to help you stand on the side of good, trusting He will stand with you.