

"A Father's Love Letter"

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When Billy Crystal's daughter turned 11, Billy was in New York filming a movie. He called her, apologized for his work schedule and said a package would be delivered soon. He then flew from NY to LA. Later that day when Lindsay opened the front door, a six foot high carton greeted her and she began ripping it open on the spot.

Dad was inside the carton! Billy said, "She hugged me for five minutes. It was unbelievable." He went on to say, "I missed 25 birthdays with my dad. I'm not going to let that happen with my girls." Billy was 15 when his father died of a heart attack.

Our Father, God sends us many expressions of His everlasting love in His "love letter" to us:



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"Start at the Beginning"

Notice Proverbs 1:7
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Then when you get to Proverbs 9:10 it says, *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."*

So you have the word *"beginning"* written twice. Now what the verse is telling you is simply this, that the Christian life is a developing experience. None of us have arrived. We get into these divided churches and sometimes the preacher thinks that he has arrived. Other times it is someone on the board that thinks that they have arrived. Perhaps it is someone out there in the congregation that thinks that they have arrived. They've got all that needs to be known about the Word of God and you can't tell them anything. NO! The Bible says, (Listen, my friend) *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning"* - not the end. Holiness is not a snapshot, it's a time exposure. You want to keep that in mind.



Blueberry Delight Muffins

1 Cup Vanilla Ice Cream, Softened
1 Cup Self-Rising Flour
1 Cup Fresh Blueberries
1 Tbsp. Butter or Margarine, Melted
2 Tbsps. Sugar

In a Medium Bowl, mix Ice Cream and Flour together.

Fold Blueberries into the mixture. Spoon mixture into six greased muffin cups. Bake 20-25 minutes in 375 degree oven until muffins test done.

While hot, brush muffin tops with Butter and sprinkle with Sugar. Serve warm.

Yield: 6 servings

Father's Love Letter ...My Child ~

You may not know me, but I know everything about you ~ Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up ~ Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways ~ Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered ~ Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image ~ Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being ~ Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring ~ Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived ~ Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation ~ Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book
~ Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live ~ Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made ~ Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb ~ Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born ~ Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me ~ John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love ~ 1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you ~ 1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your father ~ 1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could ~ Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father ~ Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand ~ James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs ~ Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love ~ Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore
~ Psalm 139:17-18

And I rejoice over you with singing ~ Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you ~ Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession ~ Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul ~ Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great and marvelous things ~ Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me ~ Deuteronomy 4:29

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart ~ Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires ~ Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine ~ Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you ~ Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I carry you close to my heart ~ Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes ~ Revelation 21:3-4

I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth ~ Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus ~ John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed ~ John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being ~ Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you ~ Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you ~ 1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love ~ Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me ~ 1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again ~ Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen ~ Luke 15:7

I have always been Father, and will always be Father ~ Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is ~ Will you be my child? ~ John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you ~ Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad, Almighty God

Isaiah 55:6-7

Helpful Hints

Some tips for getting organized...

1. Concentrate on doing one job at a time. Set aside one day for doing laundry, another for vacuuming and floor washing, a third for dusting and "smudge" work.
2. Certain cleaning chores that require little or no moving of objects can be done all at once with a glass spray cleaner. This will take care of cleaning windows, windowsills, light switches and fixtures, door knobs, mirrors, kitchen and bathroom sinks and spigots, cabinets, shelves, and countertops. Move from room to room, spray cleaner and clean cloth in hand.
3. Organize your cleaning aids – store floor cleaners with mops, furniture dust and polish aids with feather dusters and polishing cloth, and so on. Keep duplicate sets of these on each floor or carry them conveniently in a caddy.
4. Large jobs, like major room overhauls, should be done individually. Plan to do just one or two rooms a day, so you can give them a careful, thorough cleaning.

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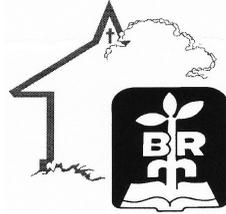
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--Philippians 4:4

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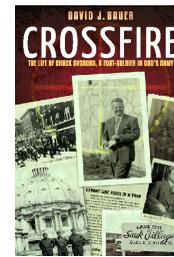
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Rev. Dave Bauer
&
Dr. Jim Rodgers'
June Itinerary



- June 4, 18, Mt. Prospect Bible Church, Mt. Prospect, IL
25, 10:30 a.m. Dr. Jim Rodgers
June 5 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL
12:00 noon Rev. David J. Bauer
June 11 Glenwood Bible Church, Glenwood, IL
11:00 a.m. Rev. David J. Bauer
June 18 Cornerstone Community Church, Brookfield, IL
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On the Lighter Side... Country Humor:

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license plate number."

The Texas Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head?"

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"

BRM Field Report #Six

Folks ask BRM arbitrators quite often which problem area we see the most frequently in the dividing of our churches. The answer is a very simple word: "PRIDE." Pride caused Satan's fall from heaven –Isaiah 14:12-15. And Pride is the first of seven things the Lord absolutely hates –Proverbs 6:16-19.

Pride kept a Board Member from heeding the counsel of Steve Barack and Dave Bauer regarding the proper way to carefully search for a new pastor this year. He ignored all of our counsel and launched out prematurely without considering needs of the people.

Pride keeps an angry alcoholic adult from seeking help physically and spiritually, while the extended family is in distress. Pride and a love for alcohol.

Pride causes a church member to carry a long standing grudge against BRM because our diagnosis and mediation revealed him to be part of the problem. In a divided church our work will not please everyone.

Pride kept a pastor and his wife from calling us for counsel after getting into deep financial distress. They didn't really want help. Financial irresponsibility denotes a pastor not in control of himself and family.

Pride caused another couple of individuals to launch out against the church leadership when they were not affirmed as appropriate board members by the congregation. Church folks identify their true leaders.

Pride caused another pastor to vote himself raises while the declining congregation struggled financially. When the pastor walked away from the church, he intended it to close. But God had other ideas.

Pride caused a congregation to not seek our help before a decision was made to discontinue their entire missionary program. Afraid of what we might say?

Church experts and statisticians tell us that 9 out of 10 small churches in America are in a current state of decline. This is a serious problem when we consider the small church (not the mega-church) is the source of most missionary support in the USA. It is PRIDE that keeps declining churches from calling for help before their doors close permanently. Sad...

Thank you for your faithfulness to our ongoing ministry.

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Jeremiah 33:3