

"Father Knows Best!"
(Matthew 7:11; James 1:17)

I. Introduction:

- A. Father's Day
- B. Father Knows Best – TV Show
- Matthew 7:11
 - James 1:17

II. Exposition: FATHER ...

A. **Fruitful**

1. Psalm 127:3-5
2. 2 Timothy 2:2
3. John 15:8
 - **Attitude** – Galatians 5:22-23
 - **Action** – Romans 1:13
 - **Adoration** – Hebrews 13:15

B. **Authority**

1. Ephesians 6:4
2. 1 Timothy 3:4-5
3. Men's Fraternity: Authentic Manhood
 - Rejects passivity
 - Accepts responsibility
 - Leads Courageously
 - Invests eternally

C. **Trustworthy**

1. Proverbs 20:6/Psalm 12:1
2. Matthew 25:21, 23
3. 1 Timothy 1:12

D. **Humble**

1. 2 Chronicles 7:14
2. 1 Peter 5:6

E. **Encourager**

1. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
2. Hebrews 10:24-25
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

F. **Relational**

1. Colossians 3:19, 21
2. Proverbs – "My son, ..."
 - Paul and Timothy
 - The Father and Jesus

III. Conclusion: Our Heavenly Father knows best

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Which of the six areas examined in this message most impacted you and why?
3. What are some ways in which a father can maintain his authority without being or becoming authoritarian?
4. In what ways has your father been an encourager to you? If he was not, in what ways has your Heavenly Father filled that role? How can you be an encourager to others?
5. Relationships are huge in life, in general, and in the Christian life, in particular. What can each of us do to maintain and grow our relationships with family, with others, and with God?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)