

## FATHER'S DAY

- According to a 2019 Census.gov article there are 72 million fathers in the US and 35 million have kids under 18. *Of the 35 million fathers of minor children (in the US), 4 out of 5 live in the same home with at least some of their children*
- **QUOTE:** *We absolutely should be passionate about reducing the number of children that grow up without a dad, but we should also passionately celebrate the millions of dads that are present and doing their best to put their family on their back.*

## SUPERDAD

- Of all the songs that King David wrote, his most famous is about our heavenly father's love for His children:
- **Psalm 23 (NIV)** - *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*
- In this short Psalm we see God the Father as:
  1. PRESENT
  2. WORKING
  3. PROVIDING
  4. LEADING

### 1. PRESENT

- **Zephaniah 3:17 NLT** - *For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*
- **Psalm 46:1 NKJV** - *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.*
- Send this note to a father that has been present in your life:
- **DEAR FATHER:** *Thank you for being there for me. Your presence has been a force for good.*

### 2. WORKING

- **Psalm 92:4 NKJV** - *For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.*
- **Psalms 8:3 NIV** - *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place*
- Send this note to a hard-working dad in your life:
- **DEAR FATHER:** *Thank you for being such a hard-worker. You are an inspiration to me and I'm grateful to have you in my life!*

### 3. PROVIDING

- **Psalm 23:1 NLT** - *The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.*

- **Nehemiah 9:15 NLT** - *“You gave them bread from heaven when they were hungry and water from the rock when they were thirsty. You commanded them to go and take possession of the land you had sworn to give them.*
- Send this note to a father that has given of himself so that you had what you needed:
- **DEAR FATHER:** *I thank God for the blessings I’ve experienced in my life through you.*

#### 4. LEADING

- **Psalm 23:2-3 NIV** - *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.*
- **I Thessalonians 2:11–12 NIV** - *For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*
- Send this note to a father whose leadership has impacted your life:
- **DEAR FATHER:** *Thank you for your guidance, counsel, correction & encouragement. You are a superhero!*

#### 5. IMPERFECT

- Though we crown you SuperDad today, know that we embrace your IMPERFECTIONS.
- **Psalm 103:14 (NLV)** – *For He knows what we are made of. He remembers that we are dust.*
- Send this note to a SuperDad, who is still and Imperfect Dad:
- **DEAR FATHER:** *Thank you for all you are in my life and thank you for how hard you try. God loves you with your imperfections and so do I. Keep going. Don’t ever quit. I need you and many others do too!*