

# The Good news of My Emanuel

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**18And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (2 Corinthians Chapter 6 verse 18 KJV)**

## The Perfect Example

Happy daddy's day! Today we celebrate the men we call our dads in our lives and we give thanks to our ONLY Father which is the Almighty, our Father in heaven as we have been made Sons and Daughters by the wonderful sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus! Today do not only give thanks to the one that God blesses us to be our earthly dad but even more so to the one who blesses us with not only life but with eternal life!

Today's introduction is titled "The Perfect Example" for as dads we have the precious responsibility of being an example for our sons and daughters and as I drove home from work last night I was listening to a song by Mark Schultz called "She was watching" where He talks about a daughter growing up watching her dad, watching his faith, and learning his faith, today as you move through this day I would pray that we would seek to live and be more like our wonderful Father in heaven, that we would set the wonderful example of faithful men of Christ, stand strong my brothers, sisters you as well, let us be that example to our children, to our family, to this world, let the light of Jesus Christ shine through us each day as He sets the perfect example!



## Sections

The Good news of My Emanuel is split up into several sections to make what you are looking for easy to find! The sections of our newsletter are:

- Weekly sermon (red)
- Weekly life impacting scripture (blue)
- Testimony (green)
- Outreach (cyan)
- Prayer and praise request (yellow)
- Reviews and newly found ministries (pink)

This color coded section should allow you to gain quick access to any portion of this newsletter, we know that some days you will have time to read all the way through, other days you will want to jump directly to something in the newsletter.

## I'm ready!

Break free today! The gift is free... His love is abundant! Don't fear this world anymore! Forever be free for truly "he who the Son sets free is free indeed!" Let the blood of Christ set you free forever, its so easy to start your relationship today, please visit [www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html) today!

**3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 3-4 KJV)**

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# Weekly Sermon

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## Father, forgive them

Today we celebrate all the wonderful dads in our lives but I have no doubt that as some read this message they will have to think to themselves “I never knew my dad” or “wonderful? Who are you kidding!?” and it is with a heavy heart I write this weeks sermon but I pray as you read this message you will understand this truth: there is one Father who will never leave you, one Father who will never forsake you **6Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deuteronomy Chapter 31 verse 6 KJV)**, one Father whose love is so deep and His purpose for you is so wonderful that even before you came to know He existed He sent His only Son to die in your place, to die in our place, that we may be saved and forever be adopted to Him as Sons and Daughters! **5Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will (Ephesians Chapter 1 verse 5 KJV)** – praise our Almighty Father in Heaven for truly this day as we celebrate even if you never knew your earthly dad you may have an intimate personal relationship with the God of the universe because of the precious gift of **grace** by the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord and His only begotten Son!

I am amazed as I imagine the pain and anger that watching His only begotten Son being tortured and beaten in our place as I ask God to protect my son when I cannot, having the power to speak life into existence but knowing that your creation is so lost and so hopeless that they could never have the relationship with you that they must and knowing that because of your great love you must send a way back to you it boggles the mind. And yet the Lord Jesus Christ stepped down from His throne at the right hand of the Father at God's request as a true and faithful Son to die in the place of every single sinner. **42Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground (Luke Chapter 22 verse 42-44 KJV)** – I need you to understand this truth as we celebrate daddy's day and give thanks to our Father in heaven we only do so because of the faithfulness and obedience of our savior, God the Son, the way, the truth,, the life, the light of the universe that God gave to us freely as our Shepherd and we must praise Him, we must understand the power of this gift, we must celebrate each day as God the Father is our Father! We must give thanks for the sacrifice that was made in our place! The death that was experienced was our death, it was our death that we each deserve, the torment that Christ received was because of me, it was because of you, and we deserved to receive the nails, we deserved to bear the cross, and yet our Father in heaven knew that we could not bare our sin alone and thus as we celebrate today we must do so with a joyful spirit for our Savior is risen! God accepted this sacrifice for our sins! We must celebrate it with all our heart!

I think once you begin to understand that we are made sons and daughters to the Most High through the precious blood of Jesus Christ you can begin to understand the wonderful importance and reminder of this day. I want you as you move throughout this daddy's day to know two things: why do I call it daddy's day? Because I am no man or woman's “Father” for there is one “Father” alone: **9And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (Matthew Chapter 23 verse 9 KJV)** – I will never allow anyone to call me a “Father” for the command of Christ Himself is clear and I take the Holy Scripture literally, I am a dad, nothing greater, for the only Father is the greatest example ever set and I live each day to be more like Him! Secondly: that God didn't have to adopt us as sons and daughters, God never had to reveal Himself to us, and yet not only did He reveal Himself to us through not only the Holy Scriptures but also through the Holy Spirit, through Christ Himself, and through the love that pours out upon us! I want you to always remember this that Our God, the God that created the universe revealed Himself to us because He WANTED to! He created us in HIS image! He created us that we would someday dwell with Him for all of eternity and forever He would be the light of the universe!

As you go throughout this day I want you to know that you are not free, you have been paid for, the ransom was given with each drop of holy blood spilled from the Lamb of God, as Jesus lay dying on the cross

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He didn't curse the men who had killed Him, He didn't cry out for vengeance upon those who had took His life, for indeed no one "took" His life for He gave it freely **18No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. (John Chapter 10 verse 18 KJV)**, yet He called out to our Father in heaven this plea even know our sins and iniquity had caused unimaginable pain: **34Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke Chapter 23 verse 34 KJV).**

## Life impacting scripture

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**1My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? 5Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? 6But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? 7Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? (James Chapter 2 verse 1-7 KJV)**

Brothers and sisters I know that the poor have a special place in the heart of the Lord for they are mentioned so many times in scripture in such a way that I cannot understand when people are cruel, unwilling to help, or don't really seem to care about the poor and needy, especially those "Christians" who are supposed to shine the light of Christ. I pray this day as you read the scripture by the Lord's brother you would understand once and for all it is absolutely our responsibility to help any in need in anyway that we can! The Bible tells us: **11He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. (Luke Chapter 3 verse 11 KJV)** – today I want you to remember that it is absolutely our responsibility as children of God to provide for any in need!

Know this warning and understand this: **40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 40 KJV)** – its not your job to judge what the people may have done or not done to put them in the position they are in, for if we judge this way we must understand we are sinners not by the hand of God but by our own weakness... therefore if anyone should understand being in a position for something we have or have not done it should be us saved by faith in Christ! It is our job only to provide for the needs of those in need for the glory of our Father in heaven! That we may minister and show the love that Christ has shown us! That we may give in a way to honor the Lord and to help our brothers and sisters! For after all isn't the second greatest commandment: **31And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself... (Mark Chapter 12 verse 31)** – and after all if we obey the first commandment which is the greatest commandment: **30And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. (Mark Chapter 12 verse 30 KJV)** – then we will obey the second commandment, and every commandment as the Holy Spirit that is with-in us enables us to do so! We no longer obey out of obedience to the "law" but out of faith in Christ as we live to love and grow closer to the Almighty!

As I have done before and as I will do again I leave you with this parable that Christ has given and I pray that you would search this scripture, search your heart, search your relationships, and live more to honor and serve God! Repent of any shortcoming and trust that God will continue to mold and shape you for His glory! **34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

**41Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick,**

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and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 34-46 KJV)

## Testimony

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*Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our readers? We would love to hear what the Lord has done in your life that has provided you with a testimony to glorify his name! Please contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com) if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!*

### **Somebody loves you baby...**

Oh how wonderful is our God?? How great is His plan for every one He loves?! Today as I have before I share this testimony in remembrance of my dad Bill Higginbotham – daddy may you rest in peace and may we be reunited soon! As we begin to celebrate daddy's day the pain and sorrow creeps back in from the death and loss of my dad, a man who was blessed to save my life many times, and a man that touched my life in a way that I have only begin to realize some years later. About five years ago in January I awoke much to early and couldn't go back to sleep so I decided that I would go to work early, leaving for work about 3 hours to early I passed right by where my dad was working at the time but instead of stopping decided I should probably get to work early...

Later that day I got a call from my dad that I was to busy to answer but the voice mail he left even makes me cry now "Son, you need to answer your phone, you never know when I won't be able to call, somebody loves you baby" how could I ever possibly know that I would never hear my dad speak again? About 20 days later my dads life would slip away as my brothers and I held hands around his hospital bed I will never forget saying the prayer that would send his life away to the Father. Oh how I miss him and yet I have a part of him here with me this day that I pray I will never see the life in him end! I will never forget praying, begging God in the men's bathroom of ICU on the floor for God just to "take some of my life and give it to him" and how He answered that prayer in a way I could never imagine! 10 months after my dad passed away my Son was born and I praise and thank God for answering my prayer to "just give him some of my life"!

As I look into my sons eyes I know many truths because of my dad and because the Lord saw fit to bless me with a son forever the blood of my dad will coarse not only through my veins but his also, and my dads eyes are now the eyes of my first born son. God is faithful and even know my dads days where done on this earth I am now drawn close to my God, my Father in heaven has blessed me in abundance, I know I will see my dad again, and I know that his wisdom lives on through me, his blood lives on through my son, and forever when I look deep into my sons eyes I will see my dad!

Praise you Lord Jehovah for blessing me and my family, thank you for answering my prayers always even when the pain may seem unbearable your blessings are abundant!

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## Outreach

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### So much pain

As I am blessed to do so at least once a week this week I had a friend approach me while I was eating that I have been blessed to see and help before and this week God blessed me not only to help this friend but God also blessed me to truly minister and see how beautifully the light can affect a brother. This week a brother named Phillip approached me as I ate and asked me if he could borrow a few dollars and unfortunately I did not have any cash to give this brother but as I felt the tug of God on my soul I knew I must help him, "I'll run to the bank" I remember saying to him and I'll be back in a few minutes, as I went to my car to go to the bank I saw the box of Bible tracts that we were blessed to receive and I thought to myself "I bet he could use one of these" as I grabbed a couple of them before I left for the bank he met me at the door of the restaurant and I gave them to him but also asked him to share them with a man I could tell was in need...

A few minutes later as I pulled back into view he came up to me and I was surprised and joyful to hear that not only had he shared them with the brother who I came to know as James but also that James had taken the Bible tract with joy and thanksgiving! How wonderful it is to know that so many are in desperate need of the light of Christ and that they are still accepting it with joy and thanks! I am so blessed to be used by the Lord and I give Him praise for He is worthy of it! I want to share the scripture I shared with this brother with you:

**1And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 1-4 KJV)** – how wonderful to see this brother stare off into the distance almost like he could see it! How wonderful to know that regardless of the suffering and pain that one day very soon God will dwell forever with us! His light will light this world and never again will this world weigh us down!!

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## Prayer and praise request!

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*The “reviews” and “newly found ministries” sections have been combined in order to provide a new section to share prayer request from brothers and sisters, readers of The Good News of My Emanuel as well as to post praise request to glorify our Heavenly Father and give him praise for answering our prayers! Please contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) with a prayer or praise request as well as on the Emanuel Connect feature at <http://www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect/index.php> under “Prayer request” or “Praise request”.*

**Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil, for the glory and the power of Your heavenly kingdom. Father we pray that you would lift up these prayer request and allow all who seek answers in prayer to receive You, for truly we know Father if we ask we shall receive. We ask that you would allow all those who read these words and prayers to pray for their brothers and sisters in Christ. Father we glorify and praise your name for these praise request and know that just as you answer our prayers we glorify your name even in the dark places! Praise you Father! In Jesus Christ beautiful name we pray, Amen.**

Please keep our brother in Christ Patrick in your prayers, God may you touch this brother and strengthen his heart! May you use this believing husband to sanctify his unbelieving wife, and for your glory draw them closer together as one flesh as they put you at the center of their marriage!

Please keep our brother in Christ Timothy in your prayers, God may you strengthen this brother, may you clear his mind and remind him of Your will for his life. May you touch his heart and remind him You alone are worthy of all his time, his worship, and his praise!

Please keep our sister in Christ Tammy in your prayers, Lord may you touch this sister in Christ and remind her of the precious gift of wisdom you have given her, may you use her to further your kingdom!

Please keep our sister in Christ Kim in your prayers, Lord may you allow this sister to finally get a job Father in which she can shine the light of Christ but also may you lift this family out of poverty and allow them to experience the rich blessings that you pour out abundantly!

Please keep our brother Tommy in your prayers, God may you struggle with this brothers heart and touch him, remind him that he is yours, given to you at birth, may you lead him with strong hands and bring him back to You!

Please keep our brother in Christ Chip in your prayers that God would heal his eyes, God may you open the eyes of this brother and keep him strong, for your glory may he know You are God alone!

Please keep our brother in Christ Lloyd in your prayers as he battles with cancer, Great Physician man you heal this brother totally and baffle the doctors at your amazing wonder and power!

Please keep every brother and sister in Christ in your prayers as the weight of this world bears heavy upon our souls.

Please keep our sister Martha and our brother David in your prayers that God would continue to bless them and use them for His glory! God may you touch this family and continue to use them to share the Gospel even in the most desperate situation!

Please keep the pastors, leaders, and all those involved in the body of Christ in your prayers as the world is in such desperate need of the light of Christ!

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### **Music:**

The Reason for the World – Matthew West

She Was Watching – Mark Schultz

### **Books:**

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