

MESSAGE NOTES

“That Voice”

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The voices of fathers are so important.

“Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, ‘I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.’² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁶ The Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.’⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.”
(Genesis 4:1-8 ESV)

The hearts of fathers can save a people.

*“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.’ ...⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.⁶ And he will turn the hearts of **fathers** to their children and the hearts of children to their **fathers**, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”* (Malachi 4:1-2, 5-6 ESV)

Turn and return to God; our ultimate Father and eternal source.

*“Pray then like this: ‘**Our Father** in heaven, hallowed be your name.¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”* (Matthew 6:9-13 ESV)