

Where Are The Men

Howard Guinness, *Sacrifice* (1936)

"Where are the young men and women of this generation who will hold their lives cheap, and be faithful even unto death, who will lose their lives for Christ's, flinging them away for love of him? Where are those who will live dangerously, and be reckless in this service? Where are the men of prayer? Where are the men who count God's Word of more importance to them than their daily food? Where are the men who, like Moses of old, commune with God face to face as a man speaks with his friend? Where are God's men in this day of God's power?"

Quote from Charles H. Spurgeon

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Based on the Scripture, "*He humbled Himself...*"
Philippians 2:8

"Jesus is the great teacher of lowliness of heart. We need daily to learn of Him. See the Master taking a towel and washing His disciples' feet! Follower of Christ, wilt thou not humble thyself? See Him as the Servant of servants, and surely thou canst not be proud! Is not this sentence the compendium of His biography, '*He humbled Himself*'?"

"Was He not on earth always stripping off first one robe of honour and then another, till, naked, He was fastened to the cross, and there did He not empty out His inmost self, pouring out His life-blood, giving up for all of us, till they laid Him penniless in a borrowed grave? How low was our dear Redeemer brought! How then can we be proud? Stand at the foot of the cross, and count the purple drops by which you have been cleansed; see the thorn-crown; mark His scourged shoulders, still gushing with encrimsoned rills; see hands and feet given up to the rough iron, and His whole self to mockery and scorn; see the bitterness, and the pangs, and the throes of inward grief, showing themselves in His outward frame; hear the thrilling shriek, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" And if you do not lie prostrate on the ground before that cross, you have never seen it: if you are not humbled in the presence of Jesus, you do not know Him. You were so lost that nothing could save you but the sacrifice of God's only begotten. Think of that, and as Jesus stooped for you, bow yourself in lowliness at His feet.

"A sense of Christ's amazing love to us has a greater tendency to humble us than even a consciousness of our own guilt. May the Lord bring us in contemplation to Calvary, then our position will no longer be that of the pompous man of pride, but we shall take the humble place of one who loves much because much has been forgiven him. Pride cannot live beneath the cross. Let us sit there and learn our lesson, and then rise and carry it into practice."

Brief History of Father's Day

Believed to be the first Father's Day

In 1908 a service to honor fathers took place in Fairmont, West Virginia, following the Monongah mining disaster. It was organized by Grace Golden Clayton, whose father was killed in the accident. She asked that a special church service be held to commemorate her father and others who had died. Though some consider this to be the first Father's Day service, the event garnered little attention outside Fairmont, and it was not held the following year.

Official Father's Day Inspiration

Father's Day was inspired by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, in 1909 after she heard a sermon about Mother's Day and wanted a similar holiday to honor fathers, particularly her own father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran who raised six children alone.

The first official celebration took place at the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910, although Dodd initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday. The date was moved to the third Sunday in June for practical reasons. The holiday initially struggled to gain widespread recognition.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge gave public support to Father's Day, encouraging states to observe it, but it was not until 1966 that President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation calling for the third Sunday in June to be recognized nationally.

Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed legislation officially establishing Father's Day as a permanent national holiday in the United States.

