



Crowning Kings

June 18, 2023 Message Notes

TEXT: MATTHEW 3:13-17

How might your leadership increase among your family and throughout your spheres of influence by championing prayer, beginning in your home? The strength of your leadership – especially as a husband, father, provider, and protector – is a direct result from the overflow of your life connected with God through prayer.



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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows— this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families.

Psalms 68:5-6

“What do you think about when you think about God as your Heavenly Father?” – A.W. Tozer

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:13-17 NIV

The Father’s declaration over the Son speaks words of **choice** and **affirmation**.

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!”

John 14:9

“This is my son, whom I love” (Matthew 3:17) quotes Psalm 2:7.

“The king proclaims the Lord’s decree: The Lord said to me, ‘You are my son. Today I have become your Father. Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.’”

Psalms 2:7-8

“Our God is a God who loves in freedom.” – Karl Barth

We can’t do anything to earn God’s love, nor can we do anything to lose God’s love.

In Jesus’ baptism, the Father sings Psalm 2 as a coronation song over his one true, beloved Son, crowning him as the true King over all creation.

Every person who steps into the waters of baptism follow the way of our true King who rules not with might but with love displayed through humility.



“...with him, I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17) quotes Isaiah 42:1 -“Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.”

Unlike the kings of Israel, the anointed Messiah King will do what no other king on earth could ever do - suffer on behalf of God’s people to lead them to salvation.

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

King Jesus modeled humility, sacrifice, and service.

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Philippians 2:6-7

For all those who place their trust in God’s Son, the Father extends the same rights to us as his very own adopted sons and daughters.

“And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:18

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.”

Ephesians 1:5

The Father is inviting you to access his whole heart and his whole kingdom.

In Jesus, the Father crowns each of us kings and queens in his kingdom.

Every family member in God’s household is called, charged, and crowned to love like our Savior King, Jesus.

Do I have what it takes to live into such a calling?

1. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!” Mark 9:23-24

- Jesus helps us overcome our unbelief.



2. "As Scripture says, Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." Romans 10:11
 - Jesus removes sin's shame.
3. "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13
 - Jesus' Spirit alive in us gives us all we need to live and lead.

We do this leading on our knees.

Jesus endured great testing and trial, and overcame it all by remaining connected to the Father in prayer.

How might your leadership increase among your family and throughout your spheres of influence by championing prayer, beginning in your home?

- Prayer is our greatest weapon, as well as the source of our strength.
- Prayer brings us into life on life contact with our Heavenly Father.
- Prayer is the fountainhead of our wisdom.

The strength of your leadership – especially as a husband, father, provider, and protector – is a direct result from the overflow of your life connected with the Father through prayer.

Pray - "God, You are my Father; I am your son (daughter). Will you father me today?"

When the heat rises for you, when you are ready to give up, when you are at a loss of what to do next - invite God to father you through the hardship to make the next wise decision.

Receive God as the good Father that you've always needed.

Our Father is calling us all - dads, moms, grandparents, daughters, and sons, alike - to steward our influence as his redeemed kings and redeemed queens, being made new and restored in his name.

Our families need us, so let's come ready and remain expectant for God, our Father, to do the unexpected.

