

Tethered to the Father's Heart

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John 15: 19-23 NIV

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 15: 19-23 NIV (continued)

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Group discussion

Identify **two or three key attributes of the father-son relationship** that is revealed by this text.

Intimacy

- Seeing what the father does (implies proximity)
- The father loves the son
- The father shows the son all he does
- The father trusts the son (entrusts judgment)
- The son delights when the father is honoured
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7 Consequences of an Emotionally Detached Parent

1. Affected adult relationships
2. Fear of attachment and love
3. Borderline and narcissistic personality traits
4. Selfishness
5. Substance abuse / dependency
6. Lack of identity and direction
7. Loss of hope, faith and joy

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