WHAT IS A FATHER?

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The representation of a real father is often skewed in our culture. So here are some affirming and encouraging truths about fathers.

1. **A Father Loves** with a deep abiding love. He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in affection.

2. **A Father is Faithful** and always committed to those he loves. An anchor that will hold you and a rock on which you can stand. He is dependable and reliable.

3. **A Father is Truthful** and will give it to you straight - however it will be in the way he determines best.

4. **A Father is Supportive** giving encouragement and help anyway he can. "A father's encouragement is the greatest motivational tool on earth" - Andrea Garney

5. **A Father is Patient and Understanding** who listens and shows mercy and gives forgiveness when required.

6. **A Father is Strong and Courageous** going in front of his family right into danger. "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong" (1 Cor 16:13) Just like our Heavenly Father our fathers will fight for us and protect us.

7. **A Father Gives of Himself** - his time, his energy, his finances, and his love. "The desires of the diligent are fully satisfied." Proverbs 13:4

It is admirable for a father to take his son fishing but there is a special place in heave for the father who takes his daughter shopping - John Sinor

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: he believed in me.
- Jim Valvano, College Basketball Coach

A father is a person who growls when he feels good and laughs very loud when he's scared to death. - Paul Harvey

My father is a quiet man. His loving care is all that needed to be said. - a grateful son

My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do-be there. - Max Lucado