

"A Tour Guide for Life"

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

FATHER'S DAY!

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

Pastor Jonathan DeCou

Psalm 78:1-8

BIG IDEA: Faithful fathers guide their families on the journey of life.

*"Start a youth out on his way;
even when he grows old he will not depart from it"*
Proverbs 22:6 (CSB)

☞ **Faithful fathers know they have to start with the right directions. (v1-10)**

- Listen to the right directions.
- Look at the right directions.
- Learn to follow the right directions.

☞ **Faithful fathers know those who've gone before us help blaze the trail for those who come behind us. (v11-20)**

- Remember, the past informs the present.
- Remember, the present informs the future.

☞ **Faithful fathers know how to stay off dead ends and avoid road hazards. (v21-30)**

- Stay off the path of stubbornness.

- Stay off the path of rebelliousness.
- Stay off the path of fickleness.
- Stay off the path of unfaithfulness.

BIG IDEA: Faithful fathers guide their families on the journey of life.

READ: Psalm 78:1-8

THINK: Consider the impact of fathers indicated in these verses, then ask yourself these questions: *Who is the keeper of your family stories and traditions? Do you ever hear of times when your folks or grandparents were young? What "warning to the future generations" is implicit in their oft-repeated stories? What does the psalmist want future generations to know and "not forget" about God? Why? What would happen if the next generations do forget? Whose responsibility is it to see that they remember?*

DO: Dad, what are your children and grandchildren learning from your life story? What godly, righteous life-lessons do you want to pass along to the next generations?