

E-Series

Like Our Father



“1 Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, 3 "so you will live well and have a long life." 4 Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master. —Ephesians 6:1-4 (The Message)

This past Sunday, Gregg Turner shared his vocal gifts with us by singing a song by Phillips, Craig and Dean. In many ways, it was the perfect complement to our theme for the day, particularly from Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 4:14-16: "I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.**15** Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.**16** Therefore I urge you to imitate me."

I wanted to let Gregg's speak again today. Read and reflect, perhaps even pray this song today.

"I Want to Be Just Like You"

By Phillips, Craig and Dean

He climbs in my lap for a goodnight hug
He calls me Dad and I call him Bub
With his faded old pillow and a bear named Pooh
He snuggles up close and says, "I want to be like you"
I tuck him in bed and I kiss him goodnight
Trippin' over the toys as I turn out the light
And I whisper a prayer that someday he'll see
He's got a father in God 'cause he's seen Jesus in me

*chorus:

Lord, I want to be just like You
'Cause he wants to be just like me
I want to be a holy example
For his innocent eyes to see
Help me be a living Bible, Lord
That my little boy can read
I want to be just like You
'Cause he wants to be like me

*Got to admit I've got so far to go
Make so many mistakes and I'm sure that You know
Sometimes it seems no matter how hard I try
With all the pressures in life I just can't get it all right
But I'm trying so hard to learn from the best
Being patient and kind, filled with Your tenderness
'Cause I know that he'll learn from the things that he sees
And the Jesus he finds will be the Jesus in me

*chorus

*Right now from where he stands I may seem mighty tall
But it's only 'cause I'm learning from the best Father of them all.

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Trying to Be Like Our Father,
Pastor Michael