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## **Father's Day, Jesus' Way**

*Based on Galatians 2:19-20*

**Captain von Trapp:** **Matt**  
**Maria:** **Kelly**  
**Liesl:** **Lauren**  
**Friedrich:** **Michael**  
**Brigitta:** **Annee**  
**Kurt:** **Toby**  
**Gretl:** **Peri**

*Setting:* The Trapper kids are all watching a "Sound of Music" marathon on TV the night before Father's Day. Their mother tells them to come to bed.

Mother: Kids, come to bed! It's nearly ten o'clock, and tomorrow is father's day.

Liesl: Oh no! Not another father's day.

Mother: Now what kind of an attitude is that?

Brigitta: Mother, every Father's day we have to do the same thing.

Kurt: First we go to church,

Friedrich: Then Dad burns some animal on the grill,

Gretl: Then "for fun" he makes us clean the garage and organize everything on the shelves.

Liesl: Last year I spent two hours sorting and labeling jars of screws, washers, and nails.

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Brigitta: Then he makes us all go watch the Bears play ball at Principal Park.

Kurt: Girls! It's the Cubs, not the Bears.

Friedrich: Like you'd know that, Kurt. Last year you were nearly killed when a foul ball knocked the book out of your hands.

Kurt: Hey, the book saved my life, okay!

Mother: Well, I'm going to give you kids some advice to save your lives tonight. Turn off the T.V. and get to bed before your father gets home from the late shift and finds you all glued to the television.

*(All exit, except Gretl. After kids leave, mother speaks to Gretl.)*

Mother: Gretl, that means you too.

Gretl: But Mom, Turner Network is doing this "Sound of Music" Marathon this weekend, and I still haven't been able to see the whole thing from start to finish. It's just about to the good part.

Mother: Gretl, even the von Trapp children had to come to bed eventually.

Gretl: Just five more minutes. Please, Mom!

Mother: Five minutes! I'll be back. *(Mother exits & Gretl falls asleep. Dream Music.)*

Father: *(Father whistles and all kids re-enter the room and salute him, except Gretl who is still asleep. Maria enters last.)*

Father: Where is Gretl?

Maria: Oh, sorry. *(Runs over and wakes Gretl, who runs alongside the others, salutes and smiles.)*

Father: All right, sailors, report your progress.

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Liesl:            *(Steps forward.)* I...

Father:            What?

Liesl:            Oh, excuse me. FATHER...

Father:            That's better.

Liesl:            Father, I've finished labeling all your jars of screws and washers.

Father:            Very well, and the garage?

Brigitta:         *(Steps forward.)* Father, the garage is all straight and in order. Weed wacker shined ready to wack.

Father:            Ball game?

Kurt:             *(Steps forward.)* Father, the tickets are purchased and waiting at the will-call window.

Father:            Lunch plans?

Friedrich:        *(Steps forward.)* Father, the grill is cleaned and ready for road kill...I mean, whatever delicious entrée you have selected for us.

Father:            Gretl, what do you have to report?

Gretl:            *(Steps forward.)* Father, this is my dream. I don't have to do anything.

Father:            Oh, of course.

Mother:           Georg (Gay-org).

Father:            Yes, Maria?

Mother:           You were going to lead the family devotions for this Father's Day, weren't you.

Father:            Devotions? Oh, yes, of course. *(Picks up Bible and pauses.)* Today, we read from Galatians 2:19-20.

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"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Gretl: Daddy?

Father: Yes, Gretl.

Gretl: Is Father's Day for Earthly Fathers or is it for our Heavenly Father?

Father: Well, now that you mention it, Gretl, as followers of Jesus, we need to live each and every day for our Father in heaven.

Gretl: How do we do that?

Father: Well, this verse seems to be saying that if we follow Christ, we also follow his example. And in following his example, we give up our life for those he has given us to love and serve.

Mother: And in giving up our selfish lives, we find true life. We find the true meaning of life—not living to please ourselves and satisfy our own wants and needs...

Father: ...but rather living to serve Christ, in part by serving others. *(Pauses and looks embarrassed.)*

Mother: Georg (*GAY-org*), are you all right?

Father: Yes, in fact I'm much better now. Say, what would **you** kids like to do today?

Mother: I think the kids have a song they'd like to sing. Would you accompany them? You know the tune. *(Hands him a guitar.)*

Father: Why yes, I'd like that very much.

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SONG: *(Sung to tune of "Edelweiss.")*  
Father's Day, Jesus' way,  
Christ-like love you show us,  
Wise and strong,  
Patient and calm,  
You are there when we need you,  
Near or far, you're in prayer for us,  
By example guiding our actions,  
Father's Day, Jesus' way,  
Christ-like love you show us.

Mother: *(To congregation.)* Everyone join in. You know the tune.

SONG: Father's Day, Jesus' way,  
Christ-like love you show us,  
Wise and strong,  
Patient and calm,  
You are there when we need you,  
Near or far, you're in prayer for us,  
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*(Dream music fades in as all actors fade from scene and Gretl goes back to sleep in front of TV. Mother & Father re-enter and go to awaken sleeping Gretl.)*

Mother: Gretl? You better get to bed.

Father: Tomorrow's a big day, right Gretl?

Gretl: Yeah, every day is big when we're living to serve others, right Dad? *(Gretl and mother leave room.)*

Father: *(To audience.)* Wow, I hope my family sees me living for my heavenly father. How about you?