

## Sermon Notes RockPointe Church Central Campus

Greg Methvin | Sunday, June 14, 2026 | Title: The Daddy Dance

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*1 Thess. 2:11-12 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory NIV.*

### **CHEER *Parakaleo* (παρακαλέω)**

- Called to come alongside, to lead, to lift another person up.
- Must be in close proximity to someone to do this.
- i.e. Paul is calling Timothy to fan into flame your gifts, preach the word, exhort, rebuke,

the Holy Spirit is the ***Paraclete*** – Advocate, Teacher, Comforter, Intercessor for us.

### **COMFORT**

### **CHALLENGE *martureo* μαρτυρέω**

6. Pusillanimous vs. Magnanimous

The pusillanimous one shrinks back from great things (Thomas Aquinas).

Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you... I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls."

~II Corinthians 12:14-15a

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You entrusted Your Son Jesus, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers, father figures, stepfathers and grandfathers as they care and provide for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

## Sermon Discussion Questions

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Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12; 2 Corinthians 12:14-15a

Have a couple different group members read the scriptures above aloud prior to the discussion.

**Potential Icebreaker:** Share one word that describes your relationship with your father (or a father figure) and briefly explain why you chose that word. What is one positive quality from that relationship that has influenced the person you are today?

1. Discuss what we learn about the character of God from these scriptures & this sermon?
2. In what ways does Paul describe their behavior while among the Thessalonians? Do you think all three components he mentions are necessary for spiritual growth? Discuss 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12.
2. The Greek word *parakaleo* means "to come alongside" someone to encourage, help, and lift them up. When have you experienced the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a difficult season? How did it impact your faith?
3. What keeps us from moving toward and comforting people who are hurting or struggling? How can our group become more intentional about coming alongside one another?
4. Paul says, "I seek not what is yours but you...I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls." Whose soul(s) are you being poured out for right now? Are you being spent i.e. investing in teaching God's word to the next generation, taking the gospel to the nations, mentoring &/or discipleship?
5. Greg contrasted being pusillanimous (shrinking back from great things) with being magnanimous (courageous and generous of spirit). Where might God be calling you to courageously encourage, comfort, or challenge someone in your life right now?
6. Do you need cheer, comfort or to be challenged in your walk? Prayerfully pause in silence for a few minutes and consider any areas where you have grown discouraged, weary or complacent in your faith journey. Repent where necessary and close by asking the Holy Spirit to come alongside each one as you seek the Father who calls you into His kingdom and for His glory.

### Application / Next Steps

1. **Cheer:** Identify one person who needs encouragement this week. Reach out with a text, phone call, note, or prayer and intentionally "come alongside" them.
2. **Comfort:** Ask God to show you someone carrying grief, disappointment, or a burden. Practice the ministry of presence by listening well and simply being there for them.
3. **Challenge:** Prayerfully consider one person whom you can lovingly urge toward their next step of faith or obedience—whether it's trusting Christ, getting baptized, going on a mission trip, joining community, reconciling a relationship, serving, or taking a step of spiritual growth!