**Two Fathers**

Children often learn from and imitate their fathers. We cannot understand our world unless we grasp this principle because humanity is divided into two families with two fathers.

**1. The family of *the devil***

His children are both victims and imitators, so they are

A. *Deceived* & *deceiving*

B. *Dead* & *deadly*

**2. The family of *Abraham***

A. The distinctions in his family

The *physical* seed—*Jews and Arabs*

The *unique* seed—*Jesus*

(Galatians 3:16)

The *spiritual* seed—*believers in Jesus*

(Galatians 3:6-7, 28-29)

B. The characteristics of his family

*Faith* in Jesus

*Love* for Jesus

*Joy* in Jesus

*Obedience* to Jesus

**Application –** your *imitation* of Abraham

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. For Abraham’s faith and obedience see—

Romans 4

Hebrews 11:8-19

Genesis 12:1-4

Genesis 15

Genesis 22

How has God called you, as children of Abraham, to imitate your spiritual father?

3. How do you see the devil’s influence in his children in the world at large and in your own circle of friends and co-workers?

4. In our text, Jesus also speaks of Himself as the unique Son of God. How does Jesus learn from and follow His Father (John 8:40, 42; 5:17-20)?