

## CHRISTIAN FATHERS – A REFLECTION

In John's Gospel, Chapter 14, verses 1-4, 6 and 27, Jesus tells us not to worry; but to believe in God, and also in him, as he (Jesus):

- goes to prepare a place for us
- before coming back for us, so that we may be with him;

all the while reassuring us that:

- he is the only way to God, our heavenly Father.
- who loves us so much that he provides safe dwelling for us, for ever more.

In this way Jesus demonstrates our Heavenly Father's love and care for us, his children, and sets the bar high for ordinary fathers!

We can all think of men who are good fathers and quite naturally follow the Lord's example when it comes to loving their children.

Loving and caring husbands and fathers, with a deep love for their families. The heads of their families; and the rock anchoring their loved ones both in times of trouble – as well as the good times when happy memories are made.

Good men, with values which underpin their lives – values sometimes instilled in them from childhood – family values, with a deep love of home and everyone in it; values of honesty, loyalty, and trustworthiness. Men for whom the bar was not set too high to be able to follow the example of their loving Heavenly Father in their family lives.

**Thanks be to God for our Heavenly Father – and all the earthly fathers who follow His example!**