



Sunday, June 21, 2026 Father's Day Lesson Recap | Katrina Brown-Graham

Lesson Summary

Katrina set aside her planned teaching to speak directly into the mixed emotions of Father's Day—joy for some, deep grief or disappointment for others. Using the story of the Prodigal Son, she showed what a good father does: gives direction, never stops loving, and knows how to forgive. She reminded the sisters that even if earthly fathers were absent, flawed, or now gone, God is the perfect Father who has always been present, protecting, correcting in love, and providing a path back to Him. Through personal stories about her own father, a powerful dream that released her to walk in her own anointing, and reflections on God's promises (like the rainbow), she called every woman to remember: *you are not fatherless, you are still being fathered by God, and you are free to live out your own God-given purpose as His beloved daughter.*

1. Why This Lesson, Why Today

- Katrina set aside her planned “old wineskin, new wineskin” series to follow what the Holy Spirit dropped on her heart just minutes before teaching.
- The shift was prompted by a conversation with her husband, Corey, who didn't want to hear another Father's Day sermon bashing fathers.
- She named the **two main experiences** many women have with earthly fathers:
 - Fathers who showed up: loving, praying, working, sacrificing.
 - Fathers who were absent, abusive, addicted, emotionally unavailable, or who walked away.
- Her aim: **to honor fathers where it's joyful, acknowledge pain where it's real, and point everyone to God as the perfect Father.**

2. A Good Father Gives Direction

Scripture anchor: Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son

- In Jewish culture, the younger son demanding his inheritance early was like saying: “I wish you were dead so I could get what's mine.”
- Even though the son was disrespectful, he had already been **taught well**:
 - The father had instilled values and direction.
 - The son *rejected* the teaching for a season, but he **could not escape what had been planted** in him.
- Katrina's point:
 - **Good fathers give direction and set foundations**, even if children stray.
 - If your earthly father didn't give that, **God has**:
 - He left you an entire **Book** (Scripture)
 - From **Creation** → **Redemption** → **Revelation**, God lays out:
 - Who He is
 - Who you are
 - What He's preparing for you
- For women choosing partners or raising children:
 - Ask: **“What kind of father will this man be?”**
 - Even if your children's earthly father has failed, you can teach them, “You still have a Father in heaven who is active, loving, and present.”

3. God as the Ultimate Father

- Even the best earthly dads **are not God**.
- God's "fathering" includes:
 - **Leaving clear directions** (His Word)
 - **Giving identity and value** ("You're my daughter, not your past")
 - **Putting a redemption plan in place** before we even fail.
- If Father's Day is hard:
 - Lost your dad
 - Never had a loving dad
 - Have a complicated or painful relationship
- Katrina reminded everyone:

There is **still** a Father to be celebrated today – **God**, who has always been Father, even when you never experienced a healthy father on earth.

4. A Good Father Never Stops Loving

Scripture anchor: Luke 15:20 – The Father and the Prodigal Son

- The text says:

"When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him..."
 - **The son changed:**
 - Left home
 - Wasted the inheritance
 - Brought shame on the family
 - But the **father never stopped being a father:**
 - Still watching
 - Still waiting
 - Still ready to receive
 - Application:
 - We have all **wasted grace**, resources, and opportunities.
 - We have offended God, disobeyed, resisted, delayed.
 - **We changed. God did not.**
 - Katrina pushed back against the view of God as a harsh, distant punisher:
 - Even God's **discipline and consequences** are:
 - Designed in **love**
 - Tailored for what *you* need to grow
 - Aimed to bring you **closer to His feet**, not push you away
 - He doesn't give all His children the *same* consequence, because:
 - Some of us are more sensitive (like Roxy)
 - Some of us are stubborn or hard-headed (like Katrina said of herself)
 - Even in illness, hardship, and correction:

God's goal is always your **growth and His glory**, not your destruction.
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5. A Good Father Knows How to Forgive

Scripture anchor: Luke 15 – The Father Runs to the Son

- The father in the Prodigal Son story does something **radical**:
 - He doesn't wait for his son to crawl back in shame.
 - He **runs** to him.
- In that culture:
 - Older Jewish men **did not run** – it was undignified.
 - Respect said: *"You come to me."*
- But this father:
 - **Ignored tradition**
 - Chose **restoration over pride**
 - Chose **reconciliation over revenge**
- Katrina's point:
 - That's **how God fathers us**.
 - Even when we're the ones who:
 - Wasted the "inheritance"
 - Broke trust
 - Shamed His name
 - **He meets us**, moves toward us, and welcomes us back.

The CD Story – An Illustration of Forgiveness

- As a kid/teen, Katrina ordered a box of CDs (Boys II Men, TLC, Bone Thugs, Brandy, Monica, etc.) from one of those old mail-order deals.
 - She used her father's **Social Security number/credit** without permission.
 - Years later, grown, playing cards with her parents, she joked:
"Daddy, remember when I ordered all them CDs on your credit?"
 - He said: yes, and told her:
 - His **credit never recovered** properly from that.
 - It affected them buying a car.
 - What she thought cost a couple dollars ballooned to around **\$250**.
 - He told her, joking but serious:
"I ought to whoop you right now."
 - Point:
 - A good father may feel the sting of what you did.
 - But he **stayed her father**, stayed in relationship, kept loving her.
 - How much **more** does God forgive, knowing the full cost of what our "small" sins actually add up to?
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6. The Dream: Released to Walk in Her Own Anointing

- People often told Katrina:
“You sound just like your daddy when you teach.”
- Her father was a **powerful preacher and singer**; she has his old Bible full of handwritten notes.
- Over time, this became a **burden**:
 - Before teaching, she'd ask: “What would Daddy say? What would Daddy do?”
 - She'd study **his** notes before trusting **her** own study and anointing.
- In a dream:
 - She was at her church, and her daddy was the “special guest singer.”
 - He began singing, but his **voice went silent** mid-song.
 - She stepped up to the second mic and finished the song – **terribly off-key**, off-beat, all wrong musically.
 - But while she sang badly, her daddy was on stage, mouthing encouragement:
 - “Good job.”
 - “You got it, G.”
 - “Sing it your way.”
 - “Daddy's so proud.”
 - The congregation in the dream looked confused, but her father was **beaming**.
- When she woke up, she wept and prayed until God gave her clarity:
 - She was being **freed** from the pressure to be a carbon copy of her father.
 - God and her dad were both giving her permission:
“You don't have to do it his way. You have your **own** anointing, **own** sound, **own** assignment.”
- Lesson for the sisters:
 - Even when what you loved dies (a parent, a mentor, a spouse, a season):
 - **God continues to father you.**
 - He may send **new father-figures** (like He did for her with Bro. Alvin Daniels).
 - He develops **your own voice** and purpose, not just a replica of someone else's.

7. The Rainbow & God's Promise

- Katrina reminded everyone of God's covenant after the flood:
 - God could have wiped everything out permanently after sin.
 - Instead, He preserved Noah and his family and then promised:
 - He would **never again** destroy the earth by flood.
- The **rainbow**:
 - Is not just a pretty sky feature.
 - It is a **living, recurring sign** of God's promise and forgiveness.
 - It still appears today as a **visual reminder** that:

God keeps His word.

- For those who say, “I don't know if God still does miracles”:
 - The ongoing, faithful **appearance of the rainbow** is already one quiet miracle in the background of our lives.



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8. For Women with Different Father Stories

Katrina spoke to **several groups** of women:

1. **Those who had good, present, loving fathers.**
 - Cherish it. Call them. Celebrate them **while you have them.**
2. **Those who had absent, abusive, addicted, or emotionally unavailable fathers.**
 - You are not fatherless.
 - God has always been your **true Father**, ready to step in and fill the gap.
 - His word:

“I will withhold no good thing from them...”

- If an earthly father is lacking, God Himself steps in as that “good thing.”

3. **Those whose fathers have passed on.**

- You may feel grief, especially on days like Father’s Day.
- But you are still being fathered:
 - By God
 - Through spiritual fathers
 - Through community and even songs, dreams, and lessons that heal parts of you you didn’t know were broken.

4. **Those who are busy and have loving fathers you under-appreciate.**

- Don’t assume they’ll always be here.
- Re-engage. Honor them while you can.

9. A Picture of How God Fathers You (Even While You Sleep)

- Katrina shared how **protective** her earthly father was:
 - Checking doors late at night
 - Calling to be sure she wore her seatbelt
 - Waking her mother up to:

“Go see if the girls are breathing.”

- He was that concerned, even when they were fully grown.
- She paralleled that with **how God fathers us**:
 - God doesn’t have to be woken up to check on you.
 - He **sustains your breathing** through the night.
 - He protects your mind and spirit when you’re most vulnerable.
 - He assigns angels, in essence:

“Go make sure she’s breathing. Go cover her. Go protect her.”

- As protective as earthly fathers can be, **God’s covering is deeper and constant.**



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10. Core Takeaways for the SisStarhood

1. You are not fatherless.

- Whatever your earthly story is, you have a Father in heaven who:
 - Gives direction
 - Never stops loving
 - Knows how to forgive and restore
 - Protects and covers you day and night

2. God's correction is love, not rejection.

- Consequences are custom-fit for your growth, not proof that He has abandoned you.

3. You are free to walk in your own anointing.

- Honor those who came before you (parents, mentors), but don't be bound to being a copy of them.
- God has **your name, your story, and your song**.

4. There is always a Father worth celebrating.

- Even if Father's Day is complicated, you can still celebrate **God's faithful fathering** over your life.

Sister-Focused Reflection from Katrina's Lesson

- For women grieving today (like **Sister Daisy** on her first Father's Day without her husband):
 - Your pain is real, but so is the Father who sees you, sits with you, and will carry you.
- For women leading, mentoring, and mothering others:
 - You are part of how God **fathers** His daughters—by teaching, listening, and covering them.
- For this SisStarhood:
 - This space itself is a sign of a **Father who refuses to leave His daughters uncovered**.
 - He keeps sending word, comfort, clarity, and community because He is a good Father.