

Devotion #2- The Proud Father

Last week we learned that Jesus completed two amazing prophecies from the book of Isaiah. These two prophecies were predicted 700 years before they happened. First, Isaiah prophesied that the future King would be born in a miraculous way, through the Holy Spirit. Second, Isaiah prophesied that the future King would be born into poverty. Both came true through the life of Jesus!

This week we will learn of another prophecy from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 42:1 reads, "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations." Jesus did not just come to save people from their sins, he also came to delight his Father. Jesus, who is God, was obedient to his Father in everything. In his obedience, he brought his Father joy and happiness. The Father had an intimate and loving relationship with his Son.

Mathew 17:5 reads, "While he (Peter, Jesus' disciple) was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with who I am well pleased; listen to him!" Luke 3:22 reads, "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are my beloved Son, in You I am well pleased."

Most of you have someone that watches you play sports. This could be your dad, mom, sibling, grandparent, or guardian. When they watch you score a goal, make an amazing pass, or demonstrate an act of kindness to an opposing player, they are filled with joy. Their heart leaps when you do something amazing. They cheer, clap their hands, and roar with excitement. They do this because they are proud of you and your accomplishments. You make them joyful. In the same way, Jesus made the Father joyful. His perfect submission and obedience made the Father proud. As Jesus was on earth changing the world and saving humanity from their sins, the Father was watching on cheering the Son. He roared with excitement as the Son lived his life as the great hero.

Questions

1. Last week we learned that Jesus fulfilled two prophecies from the book of Isaiah. What were those prophecies?
2. What is one of the reasons that Jesus fulfilled his mission on the earth?
3. What does it feel like when your parents, siblings, or guardians cheer for you?
4. Do you delight in Jesus like the Father did? Should you be proud of Jesus?