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A young man sits and ponders over his childhood memories. We will call him Sam. He thinks about experience after experience that was a highlight in his life. He remembers his first athletic trophy that had made his mother so proud; his first “A” on his report card; his first good report during the Parent-Teacher Meeting in elementary school when his mother returned home and shared the positive comments from his third grade teacher. He remembered when he was baptized, and his mother stood there proud of her son’s important step of faith.

Sam’s memories continued, each one creating greater excitement than the one before it. But for all of Sam’s special memories, not a single one included a time with his father. Like so many young people who have grown up in a household without the dad present, Sam felt his dad’s absence relationally, although he was physically present. Sam could remember his first-grade teacher and the things he learned that year. He could remember the excitement of winning his first spelling bee in third grade. He remembered a note from one of his male teachers who gave him an “A” and called him one of the bright lights in class. He remembered the fifth-grade drama teacher who had no part for him in the school play, but saw the sadness in his eyes and wrote in an extra part just for him. But there was not one happy time that Sam could remember with his dad. There were no memories of a hug, a pat on the back, or anything that Sam remembers that attached him to his father.

When Sam thinks about his dad, the only memories that linger are from those scary nights

when his dad came home drunk and beat up his mother. Sometimes the fights were so loud and explosive that Sam’s mother had to take him and his little brother to spend the rest of the night with a friend until a few days went by and his dad was sober again. In spite of the pain at home, Sam’s mother always insisted that Sam and his brother stay in church. It was there Sam befriended a young man who acted like a big brother. Though to this day, Sam doesn’t remember any special moments with his dad, he has a list of times this big brother involved him in his life.

Our nation has over 25 million children under the age of 18 who go to bed in a home without a father. Hey Dad, you probably know a few Sams in your church or community, or maybe a Sam lives right next door! On this Father’s Day, accept the challenge to help create some special memories for the Sam(s) God has allowed to cross your path!

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LET THE FLAME OF FAITH CONSUME

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Philippians 1:12, 14

How would you live if you knew your next church service could be your last? Could you balance authentic worship with the chilling reality that at any moment a bullet, bomb, or other instrument of death could thrust you into eternity? Would you freeze in fear, or count the cost and live out your faith with boldness?

Pastor Han Chung-Ryeol pastored Three-Self Church in Changbai, China, near the Chinese-North Korean border. The 49-year-old pastor served many needy North Koreans who traveled into China, including orphans, trafficked women, soldiers, and those suffering from the ravages of famine. He supplied their physical needs before sharing the gospel with them. Then he sent them back to their home country to take Christ to their families.

When the North Korean government learned of Pastor Han's relief work, it rewarded him by issuing an order for his kidnapping and interrogation. Like Daniel after Darius's edict not to acknowledge any deity beside the king, Pastor Han continued his service for the Lord, unphased by the bounty placed on his head.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, Pastor Han exited his church in Changbai as he had done since founding the work in 1993.

But this time, he did not return.

At 8 p.m. that evening, Pastor Han's lifeless body was found with multiple stab wounds to his stomach and axe blows to his head. The pastor is believed to have been murdered by North Koreans who retreated to their side of the border after the attack.

Pastor Han Chung-Ryeol demonstrated courageous faith in the face of danger. Though the enemies of Christ have used threats of death and violence to halt the gospel's advance throughout history, their persecution has only emboldened Christ's followers (strong evidence for the veracity of the gospel message). The Apostle Paul acknowledged this in his letter to the

church in Philippi, stating, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel And many of the brethren, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." (Philippians 1:12, 14)

On the one hand, Paul understood the sovereign God was using his suffering as a means to advance the gospel message. On the other hand, he realized the believers were emboldened to proclaim the gospel only after being made aware of his predicament. Someone had to tell them about his courageous faith and the price he had paid to preach Christ. . . . [Read On >>>](#)



From all of us at Bibleway, we want to wish the fathers on our distribution list a happy Father's Day! We hope you will never underestimate the degree of your influence on the next generation.



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