



Happy Father's Day. We are so glad you all are in here!

We want to acknowledge all of the dads here today. Being a dad is one of the coolest things in the world. But being a dad also means you can sometimes be the butt of jokes and stereotypes.

Dad life is full of “dad jokes” and stereotypes. Sometimes we deserve it and sometimes we do not.

One of the most stereotypical dad things that people use is the fact that “dads do not want directions.” Today most of us have a GPS on our phonez that we pull up and put on our dash, but there was once a time where you couldn't get a dad to ask for directions. Maybe this was your dad, when you were lost, you never knew you were lost because dad made it clear “we are not lost.” Yet, you were very lost and not where you were supposed to be.

I want to talk to the kids and students; have you ever been lost? We have a challenge for you this morning. Find a piece of paper (we have some available for you). I want you to draw a map from here at the church to your home. Think about all the streets and landmarks, places that are along way. If you have no idea, have fun with it and create an awesome story how to get home.

Parents/Dads, have you ever been lost or ever found yourself in a place you don't want to be? Let's be honest, we all have. Today we are going to look at an encounter with Jesus and a man who was not where he wanted to be.

Let's open up our Bibles to Matthew 11. While you turn there, I do want to mention the Kingsland app has some incredible resources on there if you have downloaded it go and do that.

Ready? starting in verse one.

1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, he moved on from there to teach and preach in their towns. 2 Now when

John heard in prison what the Christ was doing, he sent a message through his disciples 3 and asked him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" (Matt 11:1-3 CSB)

First, John was in jail, which is not where he wanted to be. This wasn't on his GPS; this was a detour where he found himself off course. So, he sent a question to Jesus: *"Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"*

In this question, we can hear a weary heart. A man who was comfortable in the wilderness found himself in jail, likely confined to a small room. The tone in John's question is much different than his tone we read about in Matthew chapter 3.

Matthew 3:1-6 (CSB)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!" For he is the one spoken of through the prophet Isaiah, who said: A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight! Now John had a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then people from Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the vicinity of the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

The John we find in chapter 11 is not where he wants to be. So, he sent his disciples to Jesus with a question. I want to make it clear here; I want you to know that it is important to ask honest questions. We should never be afraid to ask a question and should never make someone else feel ashamed because they ask a question. In fact, it is bold to ask questions.

Kids, never stop asking questions. Parents, when you kids ask question, although you may get tired of the same question over and over, you never shame them right?

The answer that Jesus gave to John's question is profound. In His answer He gives us three steps that every dad, every person, can take to restore direction in their life.

1. Step One: Hear and See