INTRO

MEET MY DAD SLIDE: Photo of my dad (please don't put up until I ask for it)

MAIN STATEMENT

SLIDE: The kind of father my dad was made it possible for me to accept the truth about the kind of Father God is.

****NEW: Psalm 34:8 - Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! (Please leave this up through

SLIDE (PT. 1): From our Dads, we learn to accept our *identity* (in Christ)

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV) - 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

SLIDE: We establish identity in our children with our words. (This is a subpoint)

SLIDE: Image (handwritten note)

SLIDE: Image (Facebook)

SLIDE: Image (text)

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a <u>chosen</u> people, a <u>royal</u> priesthood, a <u>holy</u> nation, God's <u>special</u> <u>possession</u>, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

SLIDE (PT. 2): From our Dads, we learn that God is *intentional*.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 1:4-6 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

SLIDE (QUOTE): "He begins with the end in mind, thus ensuring that everything He does is saturated with meaning and dripping with value. There are no afterthoughts with God. Everything is forethoughts with Him." - Irene Olumese

SLIDE (PT. 3): From our dads, we learn to accept God's *unconditional love.*

Ephesians 3:18-19 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.