

[Job 38:1-11](#)

[Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32](#)

[2 Corinthians 6:1-13](#)

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Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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From the Dean

A Father and a Day Wasted

It is said of James Boswell, the famous biographer of Samuel Johnson, that he often referred to a special day in his childhood when his father took him fishing. The day was fixed in his adult mind, and he often reflected upon many of the things his father had taught him in the course of their fishing experience together. After having heard of that particular excursion so often, it occurred to someone much later to check the journal that Boswell's father kept and determine what had been said about the fishing trip from the parental perspective. Turning to that date, the reader found only one sentence entered: "Gone fishing today with my son -- a day wasted."

Few have ever heard of Boswell's father; many have heard of Boswell. But in spite of his relative obscurity, he must have managed to set a place in his son's life which lasted for a lifetime and beyond. On one day alone he inlaid along the grain of his son's life ideas that would mark him long into his adulthood. What he did not only touched a boy's life, but it set in motion certain benefits that would affect the world of classical literature. It is, indeed, sad that Boswell's father couldn't appreciate the significance of a fishing trip and the deeper work going on in his son's life even while worms were being squeezed on to hooks.

Max Lucado once wrote the following dedication in one of his books: "To my father, who taught me so much when he didn't realize that he was teaching me anything at all."

Thanks, Fathers, for all you do!