

What have you heard was the meaning of Paul McCartney's "Hey Jude?"

Paul writes that he wrote "Hey Jude" as an encouragement to Julian (Jules, Jude) when his parents John and Cynthia Lennon were going through a divorce - "take a sad song and make it better."

Who has been your "Paul" when going through a tough time with your parents? To whom have you been a "Paul?"

How has fatherhood changed over the years?

## **Read Luke 11:1-13**

What lessons can be learned about fathering from these verses?

Jesus uses a teaching method in which he says something that is the opposite of what is true about God.

What statement does Jesus make that would fit that method?

We're standing on God's doorstep. What does God do when he sees us?

## Read Luke 15:20

The father in this story is a metaphor for God. What does this verse say about God? About how God greet us?

## Read Hebrews 4:16

*In what manner does the writer tell us to approach God?* 

What does the writer tell us to expect to find?

How does that fit with your previous perception of God?

## **Read Romans 8:15**

What was your favorite name for your father? What did you call him? What do/did you call your grandfather?

What does Paul tell us to call God?

What does Paul say about "fear" as it relates to approaching God?

How does this teaching effect your view of God?