



# FATHER'S DAY 2018

Acts 8:26-38

*"I Want to be That Man"*



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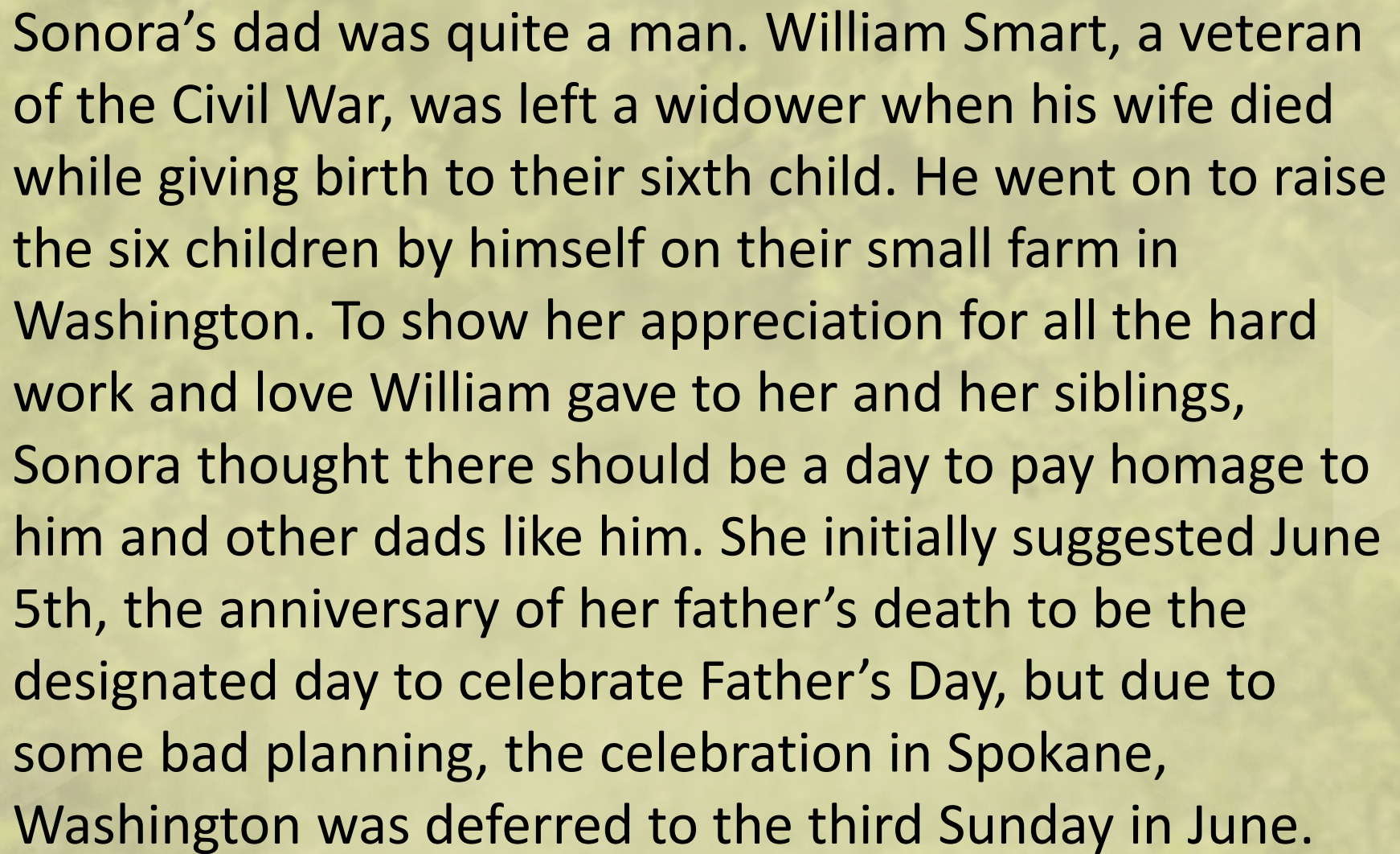
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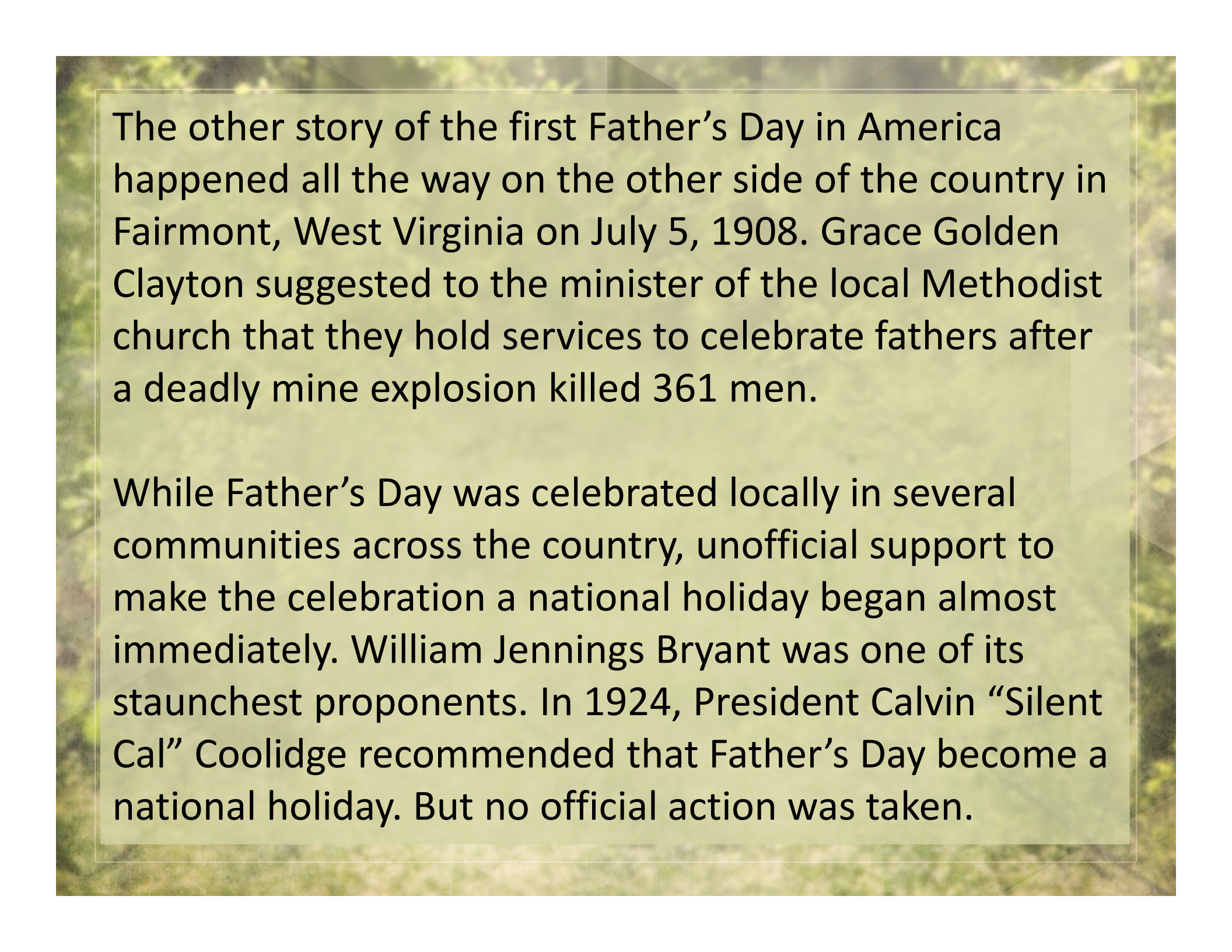
## **The History of Father's Day in the United States**

There are two stories of when the first Father's Day was celebrated. According to some accounts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise (She would probably be displeased that Mother's Day still gets the lion's share of attention).



Sonora's dad was quite a man. William Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, was left a widower when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. He went on to raise the six children by himself on their small farm in Washington. To show her appreciation for all the hard work and love William gave to her and her siblings, Sonora thought there should be a day to pay homage to him and other dads like him. She initially suggested June 5th, the anniversary of her father's death to be the designated day to celebrate Father's Day, but due to some bad planning, the celebration in Spokane, Washington was deferred to the third Sunday in June.





The other story of the first Father's Day in America happened all the way on the other side of the country in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to the minister of the local Methodist church that they hold services to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion killed 361 men.

While Father's Day was celebrated locally in several communities across the country, unofficial support to make the celebration a national holiday began almost immediately. William Jennings Bryant was one of its staunchest proponents. In 1924, President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. But no official action was taken.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/a-brief-history-of-fathers-day/>

The Bible has much to say about honoring fathers (and mothers:)

Ex. 20:12 **Honour thy father and thy mother:** that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.



Deut. 5:16 **Honour thy father and thy mother**, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Mt. 15:4 For God commanded, saying, **Honour thy father and mother**: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Mt. 19:19 **Honour thy father and thy mother**: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mark 7:10 For Moses said, **Honour thy father and thy mother**; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, **Honour thy father and mother.**

Luke 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, **Honour thy father and thy mother.**

Eph. 6:2 **Honour thy father and mother;** (which is the first commandment with promise;)



"One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters."  
- George Herbert

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### A. The Truth of Man's Frailty

Job 5:7 Yet **man is born unto trouble**, as the sparks fly upward.

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and **full of trouble**.

Rom. 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;



Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**:

- That man was important – “...of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure
- That man was religious – “...**had come to Jerusalem for to worship...**”
- That man was reading the Bible – “...read the prophet Esaias...”
- That man did not understand the Scriptures – “...How can I, except **some man** should guide me?”

## B. The Terms for Man's Fruitfulness

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that **if one died for all, then were all dead:**

15 And *that* **he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again.

- That man needed “some man” to help him.
- God sent “some man” to teach “a man” about “some other man.”



## II. THE RECOURSE OF BEING “SOME MAN”

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A. “Some man” is a Guide – v. 31 “And he said, How can I, except **some man should guide me?**”

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go:** and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

B. “Some man” is Godly – v. 26 “...the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip... (v. 29)...the Spirit said unto Philip...”

- That man (“some man”) was a spiritually submissive man of God.
- That man was obedient to the will of God in order to do the work of God.
- That man was “some man” and an instrument of God in order to point “a man” to “some other man.”
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### III. THE REVELATION OF BEING “SOME OTHER MAN”

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## A. The Scriptures Reveal Christ

Jn. 5:39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

Rom. 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, **which is by one man, Jesus Christ**, hath abounded unto many.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**



Phil. 2:9 Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

10 That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And **that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

## B. The Spiritual Resemblance of a Christian

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

Eph. 5:1 **Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;**

2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

- For Father's Day, and every other day, we should want to be THAT MAN that lives like "some other man"...the Lord Jesus Christ

A photograph of two men, one younger and one older, smiling and embracing each other outdoors. The younger man is on the left, wearing a light blue polo shirt, and the older man is on the right, wearing a white polo shirt. They are both looking down and smiling warmly. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

## Conclusion

Jn. 8:49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; **but I honour my Father**, and ye do dishonour me.