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A Father's Encouragement
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Not too long ago, our son sent us a text with a picture of our seven-year-old grandson.

Our grandson has been taking a martial arts class and that evening he had faced an insurmountable challenge. He needed to split a board in half. He was afraid of failing the test, but with the encouragement of his father, he did what he had been prepared to do: He split the board. The picture portrayed our grandson with a split board and a passing score. He was beaming from ear to ear.

Even hundreds of miles apart, this papa found great delight in the accomplishment of our grandson!

The Heavenly Father must have found great delight in His Son's accomplishments with His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension to His place beside Him! His Son and our Savior was well aware of His mission, but struggled with it the closer He came to paying the price for the sin of mankind once and for all!

Through His conversations with the Father, He found assurance and encouragement that He would be able to see His life mission to completion.

The Heavenly Father must also find great delight in seeing believers faithful as life stewards. Through the parables, the Lord taught truths about the importance of being faithful stewards. As believers, we are accountable to the Father for what He puts in our hands and lives.

Faithful stewards should be the norm instead of the exception.