

# DISCOVERING THE JOYS OF FATHERHOOD

I got a really nice First Father's Day card from my wife's Aunt Charlotte and it really hit me hard when I read the poem. Here is what she sent:

"Be prepared Dad! I will change you...  
Change your goals to get you home earlier every day.

Sometimes I will give you superpowers, but sometimes  
I will make you feel like the weakest person in the world.  
I'll test your patience to make your heart softer and your limits  
to make you tougher.  
But I promise, Dad, it will be the greatest journey of your life."

I know that I am not the only one that can relate to this poem,  
but it is something that I wanted to share since we are celebrating  
Father's Day this month!

Every time I read this poem, I get overwhelmed with emotions  
on a level that I have never felt.

There is nothing more exciting than coming home early to  
spend time with Grant and Crystal and see their smiles.

And when I look into those big beautiful innocent eyes of my son, they give me such strength and courage to  
work harder to become a better person. My parents told me that being a father will be a love greater than you  
can ever imagine AND they were so right! Although it doesn't overshadow my love for God, my wife and my  
family & friends, Grant has made me greater than what I was before he became a part of

At the same time, when he has a simple sickness or worst his shots....I feel completely helpless and weak! All I  
want to do is cuddle him to make the pain go away the best that I can. He has definitely made me both softer  
and tougher at the same time in so many ways!

This year our good friends lost their daughter, my heart has never felt so heavy and burdened.

Having Grant has blessed me to be able to walk by their side, understand and support them through their  
heartbreak. Grant has given me everything beyond I could ever hope for...Strength, courage, wisdom, grace,  
love!

I used to describe fatherhood as the "Best Job" but now I couldn't agree more that it is indeed the GREATEST  
Journey of my life...an adventurous, loving, crazy, exciting GREATEST journey that NOTHING could have  
prepared me for but so WORTH IT! My heart, mind and soul have been changed forever and I am so  
grateful.

Enjoy the Journey!





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