



## The Sermon

**Y**es, another ministry letter title taken from a song title. This one is a bit more personal than some, although I normally only use songs that have some kind of personal meaning to me. The difference is, this song was written about my Dad, Ken Dickey.

I had in mind to write a song about him for many years but, for a variety of reasons, never actually got it into what I thought was presentable form. I recently had some additional ideas to work with, and then our friend, Bob Puffer helped me finish it up. In fact he was a LOT of help with both the words and the music. As of this writing, I am waiting for my soundtrack arranger/producer to finish up her part and send me the completed track. I expect to include the song on our new recording project, which I hope to have completed by mid-April of 2012.

The reason that I wrote the song, AND the reason that I am including it here, is that my dad had a great influence on my life. He also impacted the lives of MANY people in a positive way. If I could be found half as faithful as my dad was, I would consider my life a success, as reflected in the words of this song:

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*He was only five foot three, Not a tall, imposing man,*

*And he never saw the world, painted pictures or wrote books.*

*But the man that I speak of was a big man just the same, for he counted what was inside to be worth more than looks.*

*And I'll count my life successful to*

*be half what daddy was,*

*He showed me and many others, what to live for,*

*And he didn't think himself to be a great man, but he was,*

*He loved God, his family, and his neighbor.*

*The week before he died, he stood before the church,*

*And he said the things he knew he had to say.*

*It was said in just a moment, that's all it seemed to take,*

*It's as though he felt it might be his last day.*

*Now, there are preachers who preach loud, and some with lots of flair,*

*And there are preachers who are bold with what they say,*

*But that still small voice that flowed from him is what mattered most to me,*

*The Man, My Dad, The sermon, I'll remember all my days.*

*His life was a sermon, that's the way it spoke to me,*

*Many lessons I've applied along*

*the way,*

*I thank God for his foundation, his firm but gentle way,*

*The man, My Dad, The sermon, I'll remember all my days.*

I believe that is a worthy goal, to emulate my earthly father, but most of all, I desire to please my heavenly Father. I hope you have similar goals.

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- **January 8, 6:00 p.m.** - WEST HIGH BAPTIST CHURCH, **Phoenix, Arizona**
- **January 15, 10:00 a.m.** - COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH, **Quartzsite, Arizona**
- **January 22, 11:00 a.m.** - FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, **Vicksburg, Arizona**
- **January 22, 6:00 p.m.** - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, **Bagdad, Arizona**
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