# Clear Right – God's Call to Fathers Wylie United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Hatcher – June 18, 2017

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## 3. <u>LOVE</u> AND <u>PROTECT</u> THEIR WIFE AND CHILDREN

### <u>Eph 5:25</u>

Husbands, <u>love your wives</u>, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

#### Matt 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often <u>I have longed to gather your</u> <u>children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings</u>, but you were not willing."