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Like Ken's dad, our heavenly father has passed his good name on to us. The question, then, is how are we adding to the family reputation? What are we doing with our lives so that we can be hallowing his name?

Hallow means highly respect, honor.

Our <u>first prayer instruction</u> from Jesus is to **honor God's name** in praise and worship. And of course, actions speak louder than words so the greatest way we can honor God is by the way we live our lives.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - Do ALL to the glory of God.

What is it that really glorifies God and makes him very very happy?

Isaiah 66:2 - humble and contrite (teachable) (willing) Like Jesus.

Jesus Example: Philippians 2:1-11 - "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then **make my joy complete** by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

In your relationships with one another, <u>have the same mindset as Christ Jesus</u>: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by <u>taking the very nature of a servant</u>, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Jesus' reputation is humility, a servant. **What is ours?**

THY NAME

God's names:

Yahweh - Eternal, self-existent, I AM. Hebrew: YHWH/JHVH Jehovah

El Shaddai - Song by Amy Grant; God Almighty, no weakness/opposition

Jehovah Jireh - The Lord will provide. Abraham/Isaac ram, give/blessings

Jehovah Rophi - God Who heals, **Jehovah Rohi**, God our shepherd.

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Your name is who you are, your identity, your reputation.

"Our God is an awesome God." Good, loving, a perfect righteous reputation.

Conclude by reading three amazing stories

Fighting Joe Hooker - Civil war, - North's top General under Abraham Lincoln:

Reputation beats talent Ask: Lance Armstrong - 7 Tour de France

Monica Lewinsky, Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby, and Judas Iscariot.

Final 2 stories:

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<u>Catherine Lawes</u> in Sing-Sing Prison

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True story of a <u>teenage girl</u>-under strict communist rule in 1970s.

Conclusion: How will you be remembered? More than anything else, you will be remembered by your character, your reputation, your example. that is your name.

John 13:35 - This is how Jesus Christ said he wants the name of every Christian to be remembered. LOVE, one for another.

Just like Jesus.

John 3:16 - Most well-known scripture "for God so loved the world that He gave..."

That is why we hallow (highly respect and honor) God's name.

When people mention your name, what will you be remembered for?