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Dads: God's Forerunners

Introduction

1. John the Baptist was Jesus' Forerunner. Luke 1:16-17, Luke 3:4
2. Why have a forerunner?
    1. It prepares the way.
    2. It reveals that God wants a relationship.
    3. It prepares hearts for Him.
    4. It helps His people recognize Him
3. John was great, but the least in the kingdom is greater. Matt. 11:11
    1. The know Jesus more fully and personally.
    2. Everyone is a forerunner for Jesus.
    3. Their message is greater.
    4. Their power is greater.
    5. Their hope is more sure.
4. John the Baptist is a pattern for fathers. Luke 1:16-17

You are Jesus' forerunner by example and teaching.

1. You prepare the way.
2. You reveals that God wants a relationship.
3. You prepare hearts for Him.
4. You help your children recognize Him.

What did John do that you do?

1. You walk in humility. Matt. 18:1-4
2. You be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18
3. You point to Jesus. Eph. 6:4; John 3:35-36
4. You preach repentance in preparation for Him. Luke 3:3; Matt. 4:7
5. You know when to get out of the way. John 3:26-31

Notes

Fathers Establish Identity

Four Identity Principles

1. Fathers establish identity.
    1. Biblical evidence.
        1. Bartimaeus. Mark 10:46
        2. Simon Barjona. Matt. 16:17
        3. Jesus. Matt. 16:16
    2. Cultural evidence.
        1. Father's names.
        2. Ritual
    3. Observation
        1. Intentionally by what they do.
        2. Unintentionally by what they don't do.
    4. What does this have to do with home education?
        1. Christian home education is about identity.
        2. The father's role is critical.
        3. If most fathers are ignorant, then expect most of the children to adopts the values of the culture rather than Christ.
    5. Get to know a man (woman) as a son (daughter) of his (her) father and you'll understand the man. (woman).
2. Identity has to do with _____.
    1. Who is your power source? Who is you god?
    2. We identify with a power source.
        1. What power does this have to make me happy?
        2. What hope does this person or choice offer?
    3. What does this have to do with home education and parenting?
        1. Whoever offers the most hope captures the heart's allegiance.
        2. Whoever has the heart's allegiance has the power of influence.
3. Identity has to do with _____.
    1. Observations
        1. When we think someone offers us hope, we try to connect with them or belong to them.
        2. We try to connect by revealing ourselves to them and our getting them to reciprocate.
    2. What does this have to do with home education.
        1. You want your children to learn from people who will encourage them to walk with the Lord.
        2. Parents should be the first people of influence.
        3. If you don't provide hope, your children will not want to be connected to you and will look for something or someone in the world.
4. Identity has to do with _____.
    1. To identify or connect with a person or group, we must become like them, so we will imitate our power sources.
    2. Imitation is how we communicate value.
    3. Revelation is the currency of relationship.
    4. Identity is about worship - who is your god. You will become like your god. Ps. 115:8 "Those who make them (idols) will become like them, everyone who trust in them."
        1. The goal of home-based discipleship is to lead our children to become like Christ-to identity with Christ.
        2. Ultimately, as Christians, we know that true education must be rooted in the true God of knowledge and understanding. It's not just what they know, but who they know and want to be identified with.

You identity is based on who your god is.

- Is God your father?
- Is God your power source in life?
- Are you connect to God by the Holy Spirit?
- Do you imitate Christ?

What's a Mom to do With Teenage Sons?
Norm Wakefield

1. **Changes occur when . . .**
    1. Your son identifies with maleness.
        a. He becomes conscious of shame when he's exposed.
        b. He fears exposure
    b. Around the age of 12 he needs to be with his dad/men. Luke 2:42-52

2. **Common Experiences.**
    1. Sons struggle with their mother's leadership as they begin the transition from boyhood to manhood.
    2. Sons struggle with pride/shame when their flesh is exposed and confronted.
    3. Mom's natural reaction is to see to it that the flesh is overcome and removed.
        1. Correction - exposure
        2. Shame - feels disrespected
        3. Reacts - attacks
        4. Reacts - hides/protects/lies
    4. When the son get married, the pattern repeats.
    5. Analogy: Circumcision = removal of the flesh that is a hindrance to fruitfulness. When the flesh is "cut" by mom, the son (or husband) . . .
        1. Feels naked and ashamed.
        2. Thinks he has an enemy - disrespect
        3. Two options:
            1. Conquer by exploiting their weaknesses.
            2. Walk away, protect, hide, lie.
3. **Watch out for wrong responses**
    1. Lecture, punish, shame, more rules.
    2. Label your son a rebel.
    3. Send your son to government schools to avoid the conflict.
    4. Ignore
    5. The father uses the same tactics. He may not turn his heart to him and begin the calling out process.
4. **What's a mother to do with her teenage son (or a husband)?**
    1. Pray daily for your husband's and your son's relationship with God and each other.
    2. Point your son to his father.
    3. Point your son to the heavenly Father. Gal. 4:6; John 3:30, 2 Cor. 6:16-18
    4. Teach your son as an expression of his father's heart. Prov. 6:20-23
    5. Treat your son as a man, with respect, as you do your husband. Eph. 5:33
    6. Take an interest in your son's interests. Phil. 2:3-4
6. **Helpful responses from Dad**
    1. Explain that the struggle is a natural, fleshly, common reaction.
    2. Explain the need to humble himself and see his mom as an agent of God and your helper.
    3. Begin the "calling out" process. *Equipping Men Series*
    4. Communicate with wife about conflicts.
    5. Lead your son to build relationship with mom.
    6. Lead your son to the heavenly Father through Jesus for forgiveness an help to put to death the flesh.

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1. God wants to bless His people. Their offspring would fear the Lord, be established, it would go well with them, and they would multiply greatly. Deut. 6:2-5
2. The "blueprint" had two vital conditions.
    1. Fathers' hearts turned to God. Deut. 6:4-6
        1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
        2. Love God's Word by putting it on your heart. (John 14:21)
    2. Fathers' hearts turned to their their children. Deut. 6:7-9
        1. Teach God's Word daily every opportunity you have.
        2. Apply God's Word daily to your actions and thoughts in your home and civil affairs.
3. God gave a warning to men: Do not forget this "blueprint" and let your hearts turn away to your *work, stuff, and your culture. (*Deut. 6:10-15) If you do, "I'll wipe you off the face of the earth."

Fathers represent a gospel reality and should expect to be attacked.

What if God's blueprint is ignored?

1. The first three generations. Judges 2:7, 10
    1. The first generation died in the wilderness and served idols.
    2. The second generation practiced religion but ignored the blueprint.
    3. The third generation didn't know the Lord nor His works. They did not fear the Lord and did evil.
    4. Result: Sons hearts are not prepared for the Lord.
2. The nation of Israel. 2 Kings 17:6-18
    1. The men followed the customs of their culture surrounding them.
    2. The kings introduced customs of worship contrary to God's Word.
    3. Result:
        1. There was no fear of the Lord - did things secretly against the Lord.
        2. They looked to idols for prosperity in their work so they could get more stuff.
        3. God warned them through His prophets such as Malachi (Malachi 4:4-6)
        4. That generation of sons resisted the Word of God just as their fathers (identity principles).
        5. God wiped them off the face of the earth as He warned He would do.

The New Testament instruction.

4. Father-led, home-based discipleship is affirmed in Eph. 6:4. If fathers ignore their responsibilities to discipline and teach their children in the Lord, they ignore the blueprint and provoke the Lord.
5. When fathers don't have their hearts turned to the Lord and do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they exasperate their children so that they lose heart. Col. 3:17, 21

How can a man follow God's blueprint?

1. The Old Testament history reveals that a man can't do it in his own strength.
2. God has provided what a man needs through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
3. The Spirit of Elijah is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a family.
    1. Turns men's hearts to God.
    2. Turns men's heart to their children.
    3. Prepares children for Christ by representing the gospel realities. Luke 1:17
4. Fathers are forerunners for the Lord.

The Calling Out of Sons

1. The heavenly Father calls out His sons (Ephesians 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:9, John 6:44-45, Matt. 16:17) so fathers ought to “call out” their sons.
2. What happens if sons aren’t called out?
    1. Sons will live for self. Eph. 2:3 They will make self-gratification a priority and have an independent spirit.
    2. Sons may have a wrong view of women. Sons may use women for self-pleasure thinking that life comes from a woman and that women do family.
    3. Sons will not be prepared for the gospel because they won’t see the significance of the call of the gospel in the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; 1 Jo. 3:1; Gal. 4:6-7). Consequently they won’t see the hope of God’s calling through the gospel.
3. Fathers need to “call out” their sons.
    1. Fathers need a relationship with the Father, God.
    2. The Father, God has revealed His ministry to sons (fathers).
    3. Fathers represent the heavenly Father’s heart and ministry.
    4. Fathers have the honor of giving the Father, God, a good reputation.

Give meaning to being a son and a man.

1. You prepare them for the Father, God.
2. You can add meaning to the Scriptures.
3. You can fill them with hope.

What is the calling out of sons?

The calling out of sons is a process whereby God uses a father to prepare his son for a relationship with Jesus by calling him out of the course of this world to a relationship with Christ. It is a process of calling your son into a relationship with you.

Insights from the life of Christ

1. The calling out of sons is a calling out from independence to relationship. Luke 2:49-50; Luke 3:21-22
2. The calling out of sons is a calling out from the course of this world to humility. Luke 2:51-52; Luke 4:1-2a
3. The calling out of sons is a calling out from selfish ambition to waiting on the Lord. Luke 4:2b-4
    1. Waiting on the Lord for the needs of the body. Luke 4:2b-4
    2. Waiting on the Lord for wealth. Luke 4:5-8
    3. Waiting on the Lord for significance. Luke 4:9-12
    4. Waiting on the Lord for power. Luke 4:13-15

Fathers represent gospel realities.

1. The heavenly Father turns His heart to His sons, fathers turn their hearts to their sons.
2. The heavenly Father draws His sons to Jesus, fathers draw their sons to Jesus.
3. The heavenly Father seals is sons with His Spirit, fathers seal their sons with hope.
4. The heavenly Father calls His sons to Himself, fathers call their sons to themselves.

Notes

The Most Powerful Words You Can Say

Introduction

1. God, the Father revealed His heart repeatedly. Heb. 1:1-2
    1. To the Fathers in the prophets. Heb. 1:1
        1. Abraham. Gen. 12:3; 15:18; 21:22
        2. Isaac: Gen. 26:24
        3. Jacob: Gen. 31:3
        4. Joseph: Gen. 48:21
        5. Moses: Ex. 3:12
        6. Joshua: Josh. 1:5
        7. Gideon: Judges 6:16
        8. David: Ps. 23:4
        9. Jeremiah: Jer. 1:19
        10. Israel: Is. 43:4-5; 7:14
        11. Mary: Luke 1:28
    2. To us in this age. Heb. 1:2
        1. In Christ: Matt. 1:22-23; Heb. 1:2
        2. His disciple's confidence: John 14:16, 18, 26, Matt. 28:19-20
        3. Our confidence: Heb. 13:5-6
2. The Father's heart revealed: He wants to be with us! He will help us. Heb. 13:20-21
3. Application
    1. Continually draw near to Him with confidence. Heb. 4:16
    2. You are in God's presence, so acknowledge Him always. Ps. 41:12
    3. His presence in your help, so praise Him! Ps. 42:5
    4. Say and do these words with those you love.
    5. Do not fear or let your heart be troubled. Trust! Ps. 28:7
5. Conclusion
    1. God's ultimate blueprint for parenting: Trust that God's presence with you is the source of help for everything you need to know and do.
    2. Pray the i-live2love seed prayer: Father, thank You for another day to live to know You and to love with Your Son, Jesus Christ. I ask for the presence and power of Jesus Christ to trust You so I can love everyone You put in my path today for Your glory.
    3. Knowing God is the most important thing.
        1. The more you know Him, the more you love Him.
        2. The more you love Him, the more you trust Him.
        3. The more you trust Him, the more you create space for His love to flow in your life.

The Most Important Quality in a Man

You've been called to live to love.

1. i-live to love seed: Father, thank you for another day of life to live to know You and to live to love with Jesus. I ask for the power of Jesus Christ to love everyone you put in front of me today for Your glory.
2. "Every relationship is an opportunity to love and every situation is an opportunity to trust." Jerry White, Jr.
3. Reasons to live to love.
    1. Love is the greatest quality of Jesus. God is love. 1 John 4:7-8
    2. Jesus _____. John 13:34
    3. The fruit of the Spirit is _____. Gal. 5:22
    4. Without love you _____waste your life. 1 Cor. 13:1-3
    5. Love is the greatest gift and to be pursued. 1 Cor. 13:13-14:1

What kind of love are we talking about.

1. The world's kind of love - To _____ or to _____ (idolatry). 1 Jo. 2:16
2. God's kind of love - To _____ with no _____. John 3:16; 17:2
    1. Love flow out of the fullness of God, giving what is most needed to know Him and experience His love
    2. Amanda's story.
    3. God gives to useless people. Rom. 3:10-12

God's loving mindset.

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Love's greatest hindrances.

1. Repent of unbelief.
    1. Unbelief hardens the heart. Heb. 3:12-13
    2. Unbelief easily entangles us. Heb. 12:1
2. Repent of Idolatry
    1. You will have other _____. Deut. 5:7
    2. You will try to _____ and _____. Deut. 5:8
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    3. _____ is the primary concern. Deut. 5:8
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How to live to love - through Jesus.

1. Look at how Jesus loves us. Give to others what God gives to you that is in their best interest without any expectation of return and with gratitude for the opportunity.
2. Abide in Jesus' love.
3. Believe that Jesus abides in you to love through you.
4. Ask anything to be able to love.
5. Be motivated by a desire to experience His joy.
6. Pursuing love is to pursue your own personal happiness. 1 Cor. 13:13:14:1
7. God's love flowing through you will transform your life. Pray the i-live2love seed prayer daily.
8. To know God is to love Him. To love Him is to trust Him. To trust Him is to open the door for the love of God to flow through you.

Living to Love With Jesus
Keynote

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How to live to love - through Jesus.

1. He who is forgiven much loves much. Luke 7:47 Confess sins of your life daily and thank Him for forgiving you and cleansing you. Consider the magnitude and amount of your sins, the hostility against God who is loving, merciful, and kind, the carelessness with which you have sinned, the repetition of sins, and what you deserve that God has not been pleased to visit you.
2. Pray the i-live to love seed prayer daily: Father, thank you for another day of life to live to know and love You and to live to love with Jesus. Fill me with the Holy Spirit, the presence and power of Christ, so that I can love You and love everyone you put in my path today for Your glory.
3. Believe that everything that occurs is orchestrated by God's love for the purpose of your knowing Him and conforming you to the image of His Son.
4. Look to Jesus to love through you as you abide in Him each moment that you think of it.

Going With the Flow

Jurisdiction

1. Definition: The right to speak The one who has jurisdiction is the one who has both the right to speak and responsibility to give vision.
2. Who has jurisdiction?
   1. Whoever creates. Gen. 1:3, Heb. 11:3, 1 Jo. 1:1-4
   2. The one appointed by the one who creates. Heb. 1:2-3, Heb. 2:8
3. We need a spirit of wisdom and a revelation in the knowledge of God. Eph. 1:17-23
   1. What is that revelation? A revelation of the hope, riches, and power given to us.
   2. What is the basis for the hope, riches, and power toward us? God's power in Christ when God gave Him jurisdiction over everything created. Eph. 1:20-22
   3. Jesus, our head, has jurisdiction over all things, namely, creation, disease and deformities, Satan and demons, forgiveness of sins, life and death, the church-His body, and all history!

There's order in the heavenlies that establishes a flow of the Word of God.

1. There's order in the trinity. God, the Father 1 Cor. 11:3
   Jesus, the Son John 8:28, 17:4
   Holy Spirit John 16:13-14

2. There's order in creation God, the Father, Son, Holy Spirit
   All creation Rev. 4:11

3. There's order in the family Adam, Husband/Father 1 Cor. 11:3 In Christ there is equality
   In society there are roles with responsibilities Eve, Wife/Mother Eph. 5:22
   Offspring Eph. 6:1

4. There's order in the domain of darkness. Satan Is. 45:5-7 Test, tempt, teach, destroy
   Demons 1 Sam. 16:14
   Proud 1 Cor. 5:5

5. There's order in employment. Owner Provider for the society
   Manager
   Worker

6. There's order in government. Head of State Protector for the society
   Officers
   Soldiers

7. There's order in the church. Elders The Light for the society
   1 Tim. 3:4-5, 15, 1 Pet. 5:2-3, Titus 1:9
   Men 1 Peter 5:5, 1 Tim. 5:17
   Families

Jurisdictional leadership attitudes - Love, humility. obedience, surrender

Jurisdictional leadership dynamics - There is order, relationship, revelation, selflessness

Jurisdictional leadership principles

1. Establish jurisdictions
2. What is God's vision?
3. Listen to serve
4. Articulate the vision
5. Repeat the vision
6. Give support
7. Maintain the flow

Jurisdictional follower principles

1. Recognize jurisdiction
2. What is the vision?
3. Listen to serve
4. Clarify the vision
5. Make appeal if needed
6. Give support
7. Stay in the flow

Conflict resolution

1. Does everyone understand their jurisdictions?
2. Is someone out of jurisdiction?
3. Is the vision being articulated?
4. Is the vision in the flow of God's Word?
5. Is there di-vision?
6. Does the vision need revising?
7. What steps need to be taken to get in the flow of God's Word?

Jurisdictional leadership fruit

1. If principles followed: Love, security, peace, joy, order, efficiency, fosters initiative.
2. If principles ignored: Confusion, conflict, fear, disrespect, destruction, waste, discouragement