

# Father's Day

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Before you can talk about the “power of a father,” it helps to understand first the “power of fatherlessness.”

How does the fatherless family affect adults, children, and society?

### **Single mothers**

- Are poorer
- Are more likely to suffer from stress, depression, and other emotional and psychological problems
- Have more health problems
- Have more problems interacting with their children

### **Biological fathers not living with their children**

- Are at risk of losing contact with their children
- Are more likely to have health problems and engage in high-risk behavior

### **Children living without their biological fathers**

- Are more likely to live in poverty and deprivation
- Have more trouble in school
- Tend to have more trouble getting along with others
- Have higher risk of health problems
- Are at greater risk of suffering physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.
- Are more likely to run away from home

### **Teenagers living without their biological fathers**

- Are more likely to experience problems with sexual health
- Are more likely to become teenage parents
- Are more likely to smoke, drink alcohol, take drugs, and drop out of school

### **Young adults who grew up not living with their biological fathers**

- Are less likely to attain qualifications for employment
- Are more likely to experience unemployment
- Are more likely to have low incomes
- Are more likely to be on income support
- Are more likely to experience homelessness
- Are more likely to be caught offending and go to jail
- Are more likely to suffer from long term emotional and psychological problems
- Are more likely to develop health problems

- Tend to enter partnerships earlier and more often as a cohabitation and not marriage
- Are more likely to divorce or dissolve their cohabiting unions
- Are more likely to have children outside marriage or outside any partnership

### **Effects on the social fabric**

- Increased crime and violence
- Decreased community ties
- A growing “divorce culture”
- Cycle of fatherlessness
- Dependence on state welfare

### **More statistics**

- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.
- 80% of all rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.
- 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in fatherless homes.
- God delivered the children of Israel **out of Egypt**, by way of **the Red Sea**, through **the Wilderness**, into the **Promised Land**.

Egypt – THE WORLD

The Red Sea – SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

The Wilderness – DECIDING WHOSE WAY WE WILL FOLLOW

The Promised Land – BLESSING ABOUND FROM HEAVEN

### **1. Let me first encourage you to walk with God yourself.**

What does it mean to walk with God as a man?

It takes courage to live by your beliefs and not conform to the world.

Men serve God differently than woman

- Christianity has been feminized.
- Men and women are tempted differently: Woman, with their words and men, with their eyes.
- Jesus was a man’s man!
- The reason most men don’t serve God is that they don’t believe they can!

### **2. You can do this!**

- Take your place and lead—don’t wait to be asked.

- Trust your heart and instincts

#### YOUR WIVES:

**Ephesians 5:25** - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her *NIV*

#### YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS:

**Ephesians 6:4** - Fathers, don't exasperate and anger your children to a place of resentment by coming down hard on them. Instead, take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

#### YOUR SONS:

- Teach, empower and respect your son.
- Your son will want to know he has your verbal approval
- I asked my son Ryan what he thought I did that benefited him the most as his father and he said:  
Kids in school walk around with blindfolds on and you've show me how to make decisions with my eyes wide open. You have equipped me to see beyond my school building. You mentor me. You believe in me.

#### YOUR DAUGHTERS:

- Love, protect, and encourage your daughter.
- Don't let the "disconnect" happen with your daughters.
- Adjust to their needs.
- They need you more during the teenage years than at any other time.
- Your daughter will need to spend time and hear you speak words of affirmation.
- If we don't give our daughters words of approval, some other man will!

### 3. It is never too late to start.

- Don't believe the lie that it is too late!
- Don't try to be something you're not.
- At the end of the day, if your children walk with God, they will have a voice that will lead them when you no longer have a direct voice into their lives.
- Stop beating yourselves up—there is a devil for that.
- Discover your NEXT STEP in God and TAKE IT!