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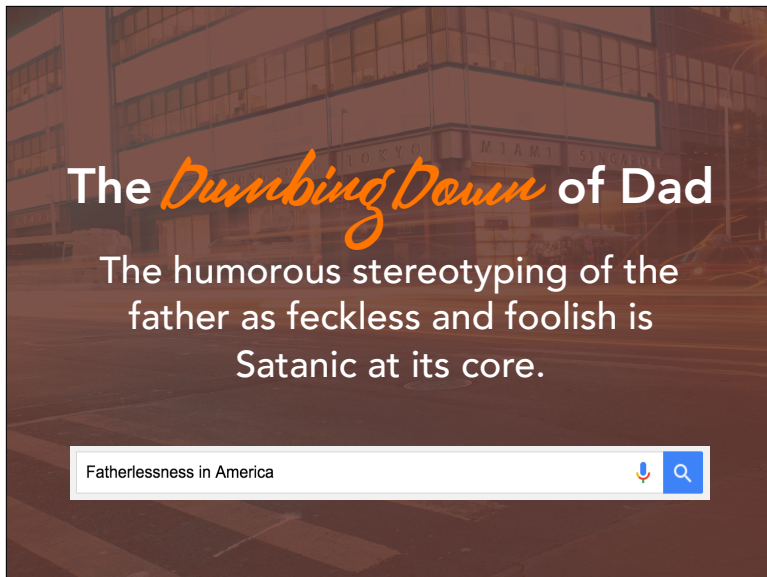
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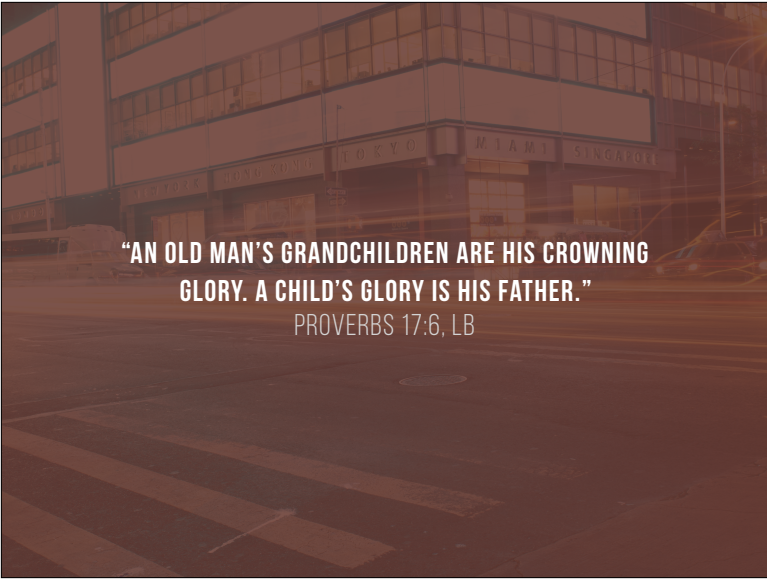
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“AN OLD MAN’S GRANDCHILDREN ARE HIS CROWNING  
GLORY. A CHILD’S GLORY IS HIS FATHER.”  
PROVERBS 17:6, LB

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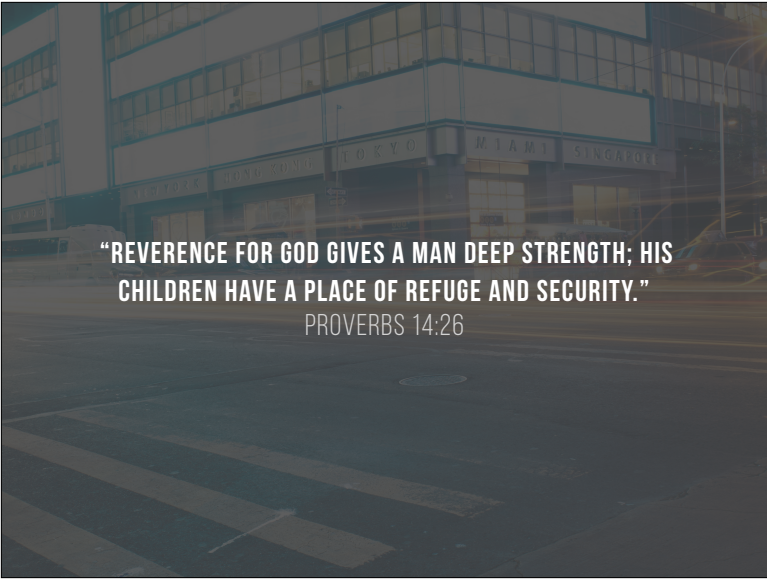
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“REVERENCE FOR GOD GIVES A MAN DEEP STRENGTH; HIS  
CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE OF REFUGE AND SECURITY.”  
PROVERBS 14:26

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Being a  
***fantastic father***  
requires being  
intentional about  
honoring God in my  
fatherhood.

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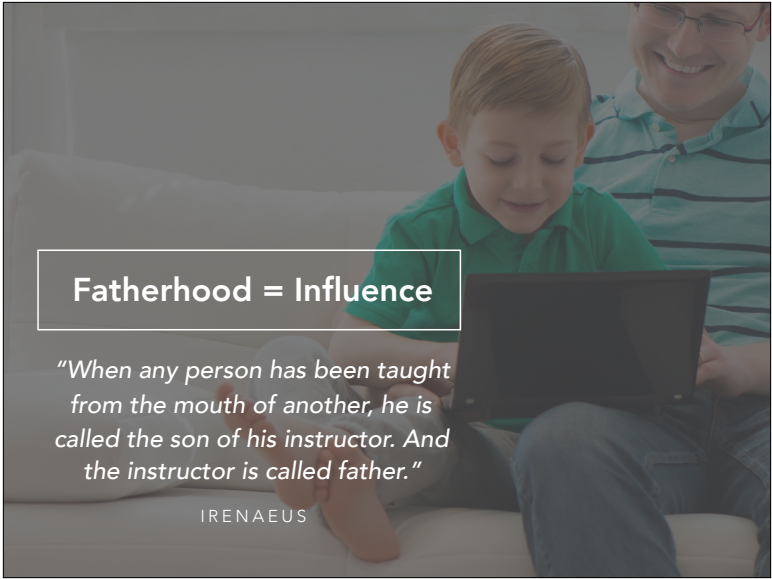
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**Fatherhood = Influence**

*"When any person has been taught from the mouth of another, he is called the son of his instructor. And the instructor is called father."*

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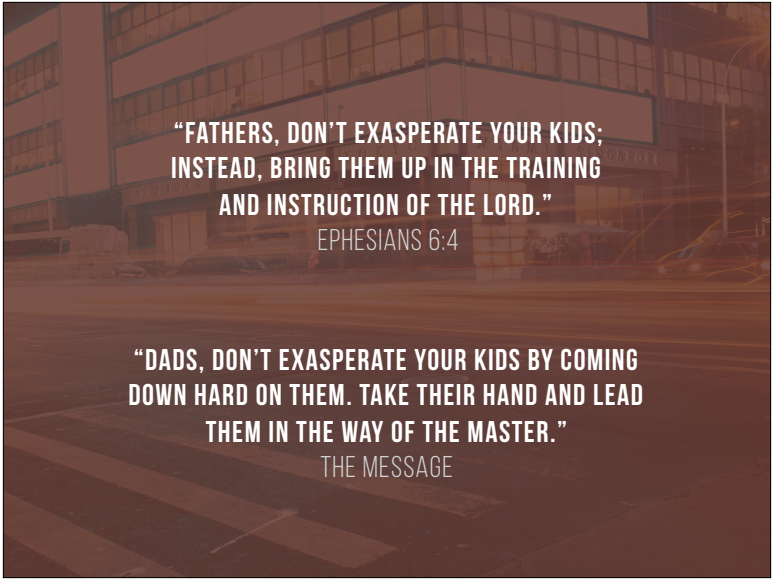
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**"FATHERS, DON'T EXASPERATE YOUR KIDS; INSTEAD, BRING THEM UP IN THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD."**

EPHESIANS 6:4

**"DADS, DON'T EXASPERATE YOUR KIDS BY COMING DOWN HARD ON THEM. TAKE THEIR HAND AND LEAD THEM IN THE WAY OF THE MASTER."**

THE MESSAGE

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**EXASPERATE**

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to goad the child into a perpetual state of resentment.

**Patria Potestas:**  
the absolute rule of the father

**A *Radical New* Model:**  
Christ-like Fathering

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A photograph of a man in a white shirt holding the hand of a young girl with blonde hair and a red bow. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

## GOD-HONORING FATHERHOOD

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**A God-honoring  
father ensures  
togetherness.**

**"TAKE THEIR HAND..."**  
EPHESIANS 6:4

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A photograph of a modern building at night with many lit windows. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

## TIME + ATTENTION = TOGETHERNESS

A father's lack of attentiveness  
(time + attention) to his children's  
needs produces negative results.

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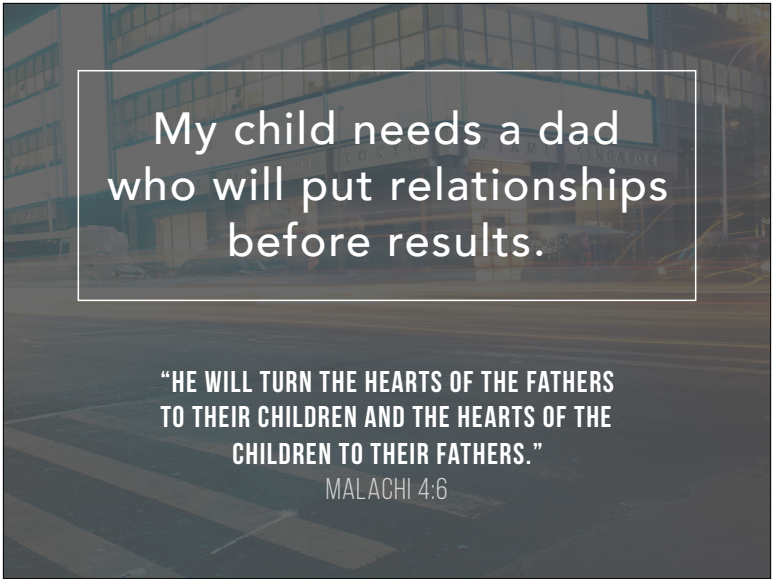
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A photograph of a modern building at night with many lit windows. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

My child needs a dad  
who will put relationships  
before results.

**"HE WILL TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS  
TO THEIR CHILDREN AND THE HEARTS OF THE  
CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS."**

MALACHI 4:6

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**THE FATHERHOOD  
CHALLENGE**

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Elevate togetherness as a  
core value in your home.

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Rearrange your priorities  
around that value.

**"WHEN YOU'RE AT HOME OR OUT FOR A WALK; AT BEDTIME AND THE  
FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, LEAD YOUR CHILDREN INTO GOD'S WAY."**  
DEUTERONOMY 6:7

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**GOD-HONORING FATHERHOOD**

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**A God-honoring  
father expresses  
tenderness.**

**"TAKE THEIR HAND AND LEAD THEM..."**  
EPHESIANS 6:4

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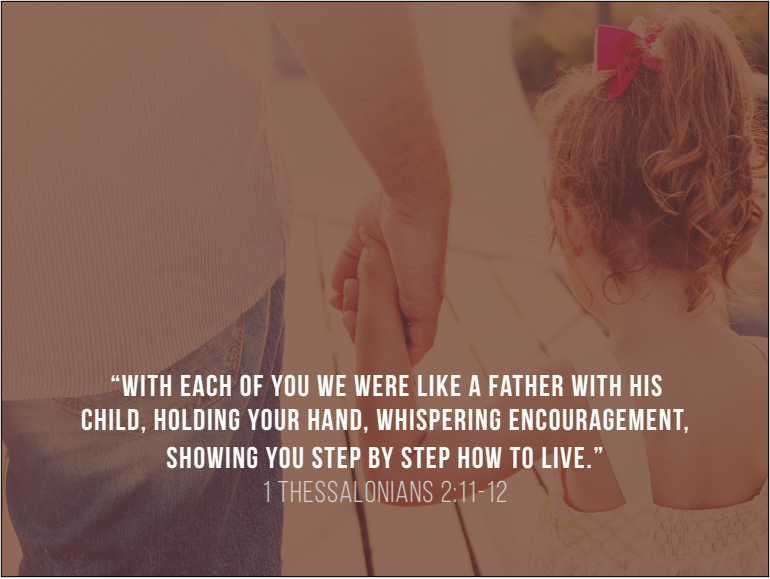
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**"WITH EACH OF YOU WE WERE LIKE A FATHER WITH HIS  
CHILD, HOLDING YOUR HAND, WHISPERING ENCOURAGEMENT,  
SHOWING YOU STEP BY STEP HOW TO LIVE."**  
1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12

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# THE FATHERHOOD CHALLENGE

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Consciously choose tender,  
encouraging words with your  
children at a ratio of 10:1.

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**Teach through tenderness:**  
uplifting affirmations and  
gentle touches.

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## GOD-HONORING FATHERHOOD

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**A God-honoring  
father exhibits a  
testimony.**

**"TAKE THEIR HAND AND LEAD THEM IN THE WAY OF THE MASTER."**

EPHESIANS 6:4

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**"FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE AS I FOLLOW  
THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST."**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

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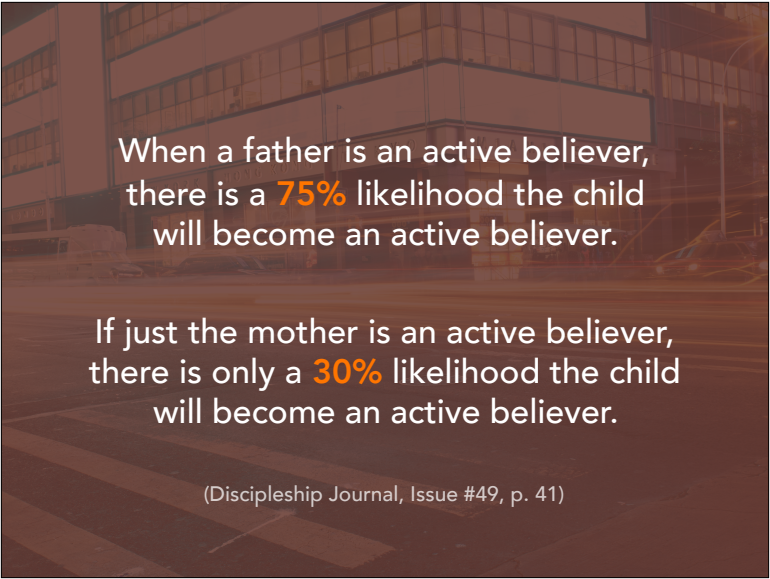
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When a father is an active believer,  
there is a **75%** likelihood the child  
will become an active believer.

If just the mother is an active believer,  
there is only a **30%** likelihood the child  
will become an active believer.

(Discipleship Journal, Issue #49, p. 41)

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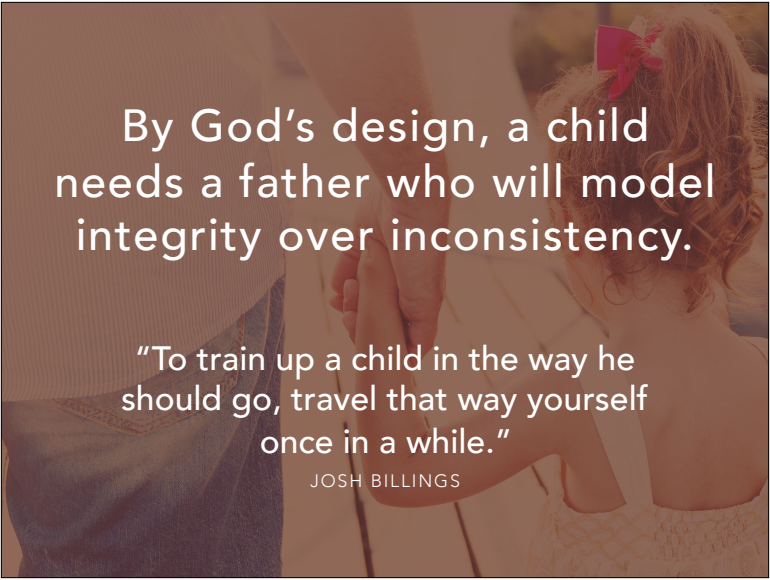
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By God's design, a child  
needs a father who will model  
integrity over inconsistency.

"To train up a child in the way he  
should go, travel that way yourself  
once in a while."

JOSH BILLINGS

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**THE FATHERHOOD  
CHALLENGE**

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Let your kids see  
you pray!

"SET AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE,  
IN FAITH, IN PURITY."  
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

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# THE FATHERHOOD CHALLENGE

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CHOOSE TOGETHERNESS  
PRACTICE TENDERNESS  
MODEL GODLINESS



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MAKING LIFE  
**WORK**  
REAL SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

PART 16: HOW TO BE A FANTASTIC FATHER

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