

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

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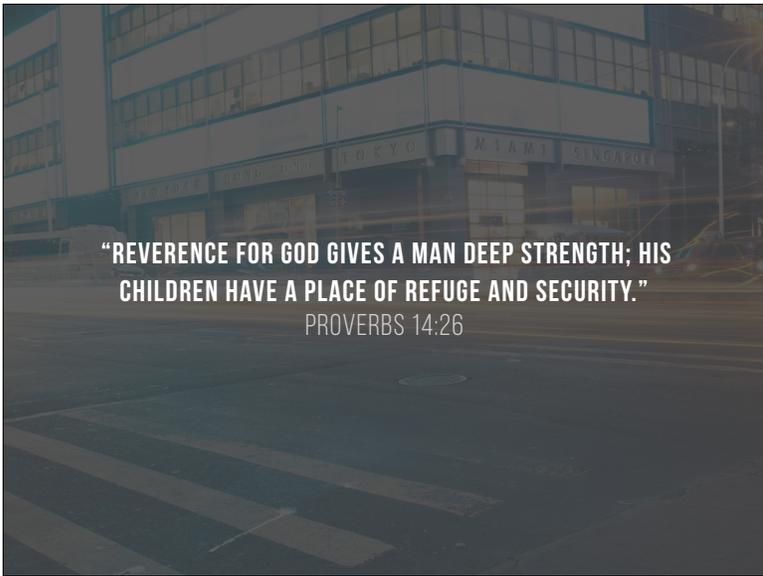
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**“REVERENCE FOR GOD GIVES A MAN DEEP STRENGTH; HIS  
CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE OF REFUGE AND SECURITY.”**  
PROVERBS 14:26

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

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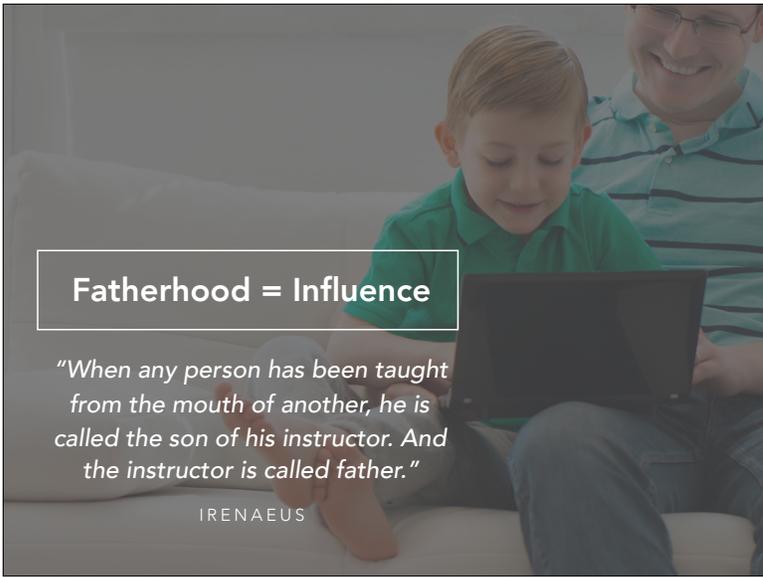
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**Fatherhood = Influence**

*“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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**“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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GOD-HONORING FATHERHOOD

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A God-honoring father ensures togetherness.

“TAKE THEIR HAND...”  
EPHESIANS 6:4

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TIME + ATTENTION = TOGETHERNESS

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

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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**

Elevate togetherness as a core value in your home.

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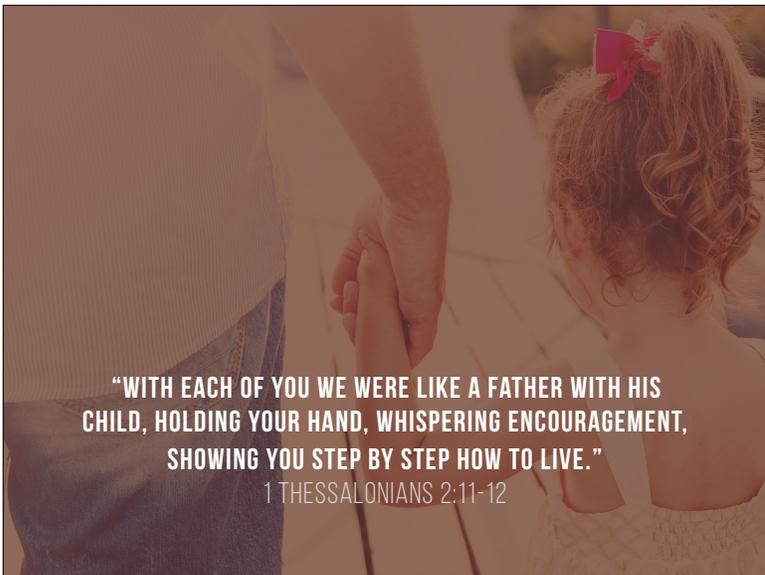
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**"WITH EACH OF YOU WE WERE LIKE A FATHER WITH HIS CHILD, HOLDING YOUR HAND, WHISPERING ENCOURAGEMENT, SHOWING YOU STEP BY STEP HOW TO LIVE."**  
1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12

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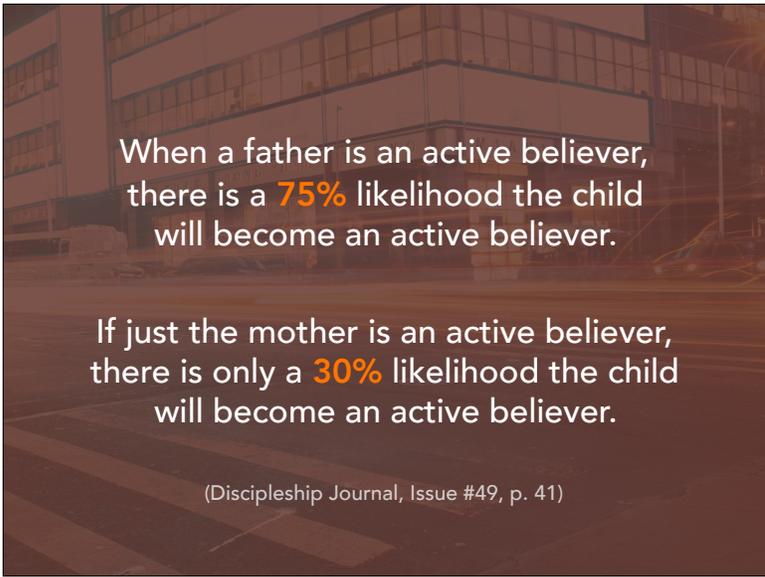
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When a father is an active believer,  
there is a **75%** likelihood the child  
will become an active believer.

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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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

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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