

Captain's Chair
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// **Bible References:** Matt 15:16-20; Eph 5:12, 6:10-13; John 8:44, 10:10; 1 Cor 6:18, 16:13-14;

// **Community Question:** Who is your favorite movie or TV Dad and why?

// **Discussion Questions**

1. Legacy isn't just about what we leave behind when we're gone; it's the impact we're making every day. As a father, mentor, or person of influence, your actions are shaping the next generation right now. Reflect on your own life: What kind of legacy do you want to leave for your children, those you mentor, and the people who look up to you? What intentional actions can you take today to start building that legacy?
2. What does it mean to 'act like men' in today's context vs what we read in the Bible, and how can this affect our relationships and things we put our effort into? Identify one area where you can take greater ownership of your actions, and consider how that step could lead to stronger, healthier relationships with those you lead and love. And/or how can you support the men (*husband, father, son, etc.*) in your life towards this?
3. Jim challenged men to take responsibility for leading their families and communities. What is one concrete step you can take this week to lead with greater intentionality? Whether that's initiating a spiritual conversation at home, showing up for a child's activity, mentoring a younger man, or serving in your community?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read Matthew 15:18–20. This passage reminds us that what comes out of our mouth and life flows from what's in our heart. Think of a recent decision or conversation you had with your family, a mentee, or someone you influence. How did your character and the condition of your heart shape that interaction? What does this reveal about what God might want to grow or refine in you?

// **Challenge:** In the sermon Jim challenged us to be in community with one another. Which of the following opportunities for growth and/or community can you commit to joining this Fall? (*35 Day Challenge, Men's/Couple's Connect, a Men's Bible study, Small Group, mid-size group, Herd Strong, or etc.*) Also, who can you invite to join you? If you're already in community, how can you step up to serve and lead more in that space?