

I. Fathers day! – I want to talk to Fathers – really a role and responsibility we have toward maturity masculinity. Whether you are- gonna be – or a single parent

3 things I received from my Father – “Not from my dad”

- A. We live in a culture where masculinity and manhood is under attack – we see it everywhere in our culture – Irresponsible, drunken, violent, bullish, out of touch, emotionally unintelligent.
- B. Consider these Stats
 - 1. 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
 - 2. 90 % runaways are from fatherless homes
 - 3. 85% with behavioral disorders are from Fatherless homes
 - 4. 71% of HS dropouts are from Fatherless homes
 - 5. 75% of adolescents in drug treatment centers are from Fatherless homes
 - 6. 85% youth in prison are from fatherless homes
- C. These stats are facts in our western culture, cited by criminologists, psychologists, educators, theologians.
- D. All of these point to the un-politically correct reality that a father’s role is way underrated in our culture when we look at the data- so disproportionate
- E. This is not to say anything negative about a mothers role. We both have complimentary but different roles to play.
 - 1. Mom has the greatest influence in intimacy, care, nurture etc
 - 2. Dad’s influence in his role model is seen in decision making, and adopting values
- F. However, when the father is indifferent, inadequate or absent the task of maturing in a responsible way becomes way more difficult.

But I want to impart hope! God is so desirous of maturing us – He is capable of giving us what we need.

The reality is this, we all go through our childhood years and receive things we did not need or are not given things we needed! Either way, we come to adulthood with either “baggage or deficits” because of our experience.

Ps 68:6 “God ^{is} makes a home for the lonely;”

1 Co. 4:15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

1Sam 10:12 “Now, Who is his Father” – it was a paradigm shift because Saul was functioning differently than his dad.

II. 3 Things I received from my father – “Not my Dad”

I want to invite you into this inheritance – March 13th 2023

- A. **Sense of adventure-** Exploration, taking risk, discovery
- B. **Process of Character building-** growing through and not just going through
- C. **Awareness of relational management-** emotional intelligence, finding depth, managing your heart.