

Navigating a Father's Impact

THE FATHER'S IMPACT

- Present or absent fathers communicate
 1. More is caught than taught (*Philippians 4:9 NKJV*)
- Three areas of impact that are communicated
 1. Faith - what we believe
 2. Fears - what we are afraid of
 3. Focus - what we value
- Three levels of impact
 1. Children at home - highest level of impact - example
 2. Children out of the home - still a father - encouragement and belief
 3. Children with no connection - long-range impact - prayers

THE FORGOTTEN SON (1 Samuel 16:4-12 NKJV)

- Forgotten and not favored
 1. A feast with the most important man in the country
 2. The shining star of the family was Eliab, the oldest son
- David's potential was completely missed
 1. If Jesse thought David had potential, he would have been there
 2. David was treated like the lowest in the family
- If David was hurt by his father, he did not hold it (*1 Samuel 22:3-4 NKJV*)
 1. He honored his parents by taking care of them

WHEN A FATHER'S IMPACT HAS BEEN NEGATIVE

- Don't hold onto the hurt - forgive (*Ephesians 4:31-32 NKJV*)
 1. As forgiven people, we forgive
 2. Forgiveness is for your sake
 3. Forgiveness doesn't let them off the hook
- Turn to God for healing and acceptance
 1. Ask Him to heal your broken heart (*Psalms 147:3 AMP*)
 2. Accept His acceptance of you (*Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV*)