

FATHERS NOT FATHERING

Malachi: Factors Fighting Against My Faith – Part 4

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¹ *“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.*

² *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

³ *And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.*

⁴ *“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.*

⁵ *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.*

Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

HOW TO TURN YOUR HEART TOWARD FAMILY

1. LOVE how God loves you.

*“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
(John 15:13, NIV)*

Love by showing love towards:

- GOD

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37, NIV)

- FAMILY

“Relish life with the spouse you love. Each and every day of your precarious life. Each day is God’s gift. It’s all you get in exchange for the hard work of staying alive. Make the most of each one!” (Ecclesiastes 9:9 MSG)

- **OTHERS**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28, NLT)

2. **LIVE with spiritual intentionality.**

“I looked for a man among them...but I found none.” (Ezekiel 22:30, NIV84)

Live intentionally by consistently being:

- **RELIABLE**

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58, NIV):

- **TEACHABLE**

“Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior...” (Psalm 25:4-5, NIV)

- **Time MANAGABLE**

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33, NIV)

3. **LEAVE a legacy.**

“I will be careful to live a blameless life...I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.” (Psalm 101:2 (NLT)

Leave for others:

- **MEMORIES that last a lifetime.**

“We have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away.” (Proverbs 10:7, NLT)

- **WORDS that encourage.**

“...Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” Eph 4:29 (NLT)

- **VALUES that reflect your faith.**

*“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders...He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the **NEXT GENERATION** might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God...”*
(Psalm 78:4–7, NLT)

NEXT STEP

Accept Christ as your Saviour.

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