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transforming families & churches
to the ends of the earth

The Father Wound
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1. The Condition to Face.

Malachi 4:5-6, "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers [a reconciliation produced by repentance], so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse [of complete destruction]."

Proverbs 30:11-14, 17

1. Conflict (11) 2. Confusion (12) 3. Conceit (13) 4. Chaos (14) 5. Critical Condition

This is a generation that bashes, blames, passes guilt and reminds parents of everything that they have done wrong.

A Condition to Face:

Make sure that you have dealt with this personally, your spouse, and also those that you minister to.

The application to this...

If you don't deal with the issues related to your earthly father and honor him.

2. The Command to Follow

Exodus 20:12, Honor your father...

God was in the process of calling a unique people to form a nation.

The Forgotten Commandment

1. As followers of Christ, we have a responsibility back to our parents... (whether they are alive or dead, whether they are good or evil) **and that's why this commandment is so startling.**

2. When we're obedient to His Word, we not only get to know Him in the process but we also grow Spiritually as we honor our parents.

How can you say that you have a heart for God if you don't have a heart for your father?

3. Nothing exposes me more than being a parent. Nothing is more challenging than parenting.

4. The health and life expectancy of a nation can be measured by the way its people honor or dishonor their parents.

5. A nation's very survival is at stake over how its children treat their parents.

3. A Courageous Faith

Honoring an imperfect father demands faith and trust that God is in control.

1. Father's Need Compassion. Colossians 3:12-21

2. Father's Need Understanding.

3. Fathers Need Forgiveness.

Forgive –

1. You give up the right to punish the other person.
2. Release the punishment.
3. Let God take care of the evil that was done.
4. Release the disappointment, the hurt, and forgive.

Oscar Wildes, Children begin by loving their parents, after a while they judge them. Rarely, if ever, they forgive them.

- **To get to HONOR, you've got to go through forgiveness.**
- **You cannot HONOR somebody that you're embittered toward.**

Bitterness is always, always, always more costly than brokenness.

J Wesley Brown, Perhaps the greatest honor we can give our parents is to let them down off the pedestal of our imaginations where we are inclined to either idolize them or to flog them as gods who fail, as indeed they will fail. And to accept them as people. People who need our forgiveness as well as our respect; who need honest relationships with their children perhaps more than with anyone else.

1. Confess the sin.
2. Forgive them.
3. Ask them to forgive you for what you have done wrong.

4. Fathers Need Honor

Honor? What does it mean?

It means to weight.

Heavy.

It means to lay it on them.

Not flattery, but pile it on.

Put the praise, put the respect, the prestige, the worth, the value.

Plato, What is honored in a land will be cultivated there.

No matter what your relationship is with your father, ask God to break your heart for him.

No matter what your relationship is with your children, ask God to break your heart for them.

Would you allow your deepest wound to become your greatest worship?