

“Be a Father” NOTES
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The Role of a Father

John Eldredge in his Book *“Fathered by God”* He says there are 6 stages of being a man

1. Boyhood-
2. Cowboy- teenage years, wild and reckless
3. Warrior-30’s maturity with some passion about life, some fight in you
4. Lover- Mature enough to love well, love your kids and express that, as Pride begins to die (40-50)
5. King- We have power and influence, but we use it for the purposes of Christ.
(If you are unfit to be a king, it brings ruin and destruction to families) We are all in charge and we influence
Scotty asked me my vision the other day (to help the next generation fulfill their’s)

“The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.” (Proverbs 21:1, NASB95)

6. Sage- mid-60’s and 70’s and up You know life, wisdom, you are giving wisdom, your reputation,

1 Corinthians 4.15-16

“For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.” (1 Corinthians 4:15–16, ESV)

Differences between being a teacher and a Father.

1. A teacher is temporary and a Father is permanent

Dean Grabill calls me, my 7th grade band teacher does not.

2. A Teacher give information a Father’s Goal is transformation

3. A teacher grades a Father encourages us.

Speaks Life-

Stay connected “it’s up to the Father “ “it’s my responsibility to stay connected”

4. A teacher wants students a Father wants sons and daughters.

Spiritually growing.

5. A teacher wants academic success a Father wants Spiritual success

Are you Spiritual Father to Someone?

Sermon Discussion Questions: "Be a Father"

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1. What is your fondest memory of you and your Father?
2. Pastor reference the book "Fathered by God" by John Eldredge. John says most men never go past the "cowboy" stage of be reckless, carefree, and irresponsible. Do you believe this? Why? How can this be changed?
3. Have you had the blessing of a "sage" or spiritual father in your life? Who was it? How did they influence you?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 4.15-16. Thoughts?
5. Discuss, think about, and ponder the following points from the message. Which one do you identify the most?

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6. **Regardless of your gender, have you been able to spiritually "father" someone in the ways of Christ?**

7. **Pray this week that God would reveal a person to you that you can spiritually father and encourage!**