

The image features a light blue background. On the left, there are dark blue silhouettes of a man's head and shoulders and a child's head and shoulders, both facing right. Below these silhouettes are several stylized, layered leaves in various shades of blue and light blue. On the right side of the image, the text "LEGACY OF FATHERHOOD" is written in a large, black, serif font. The word "LEGACY" is in a smaller, all-caps font, while "OF FATHERHOOD" is in a larger, all-caps font. The "F" in "FATHERHOOD" is particularly large and decorative, with a long, flowing tail that extends to the left, partially overlapping the man's silhouette.

# LEGACY OF FATHERHOOD



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## **Day 1: Chosen Before Birth**

**Devotional:** Before you took your first breath, God chose you. This wasn't based on your performance, potential, or perfection—it was pure grace. As fathers, we often measure our worth by our children's behavior or our own perceived failures. But God's calling doesn't work that way. He selected you for fatherhood not because you were ready, but because He believed in you. Just as God committed to you before you could do anything to earn it, you're called to commit to your children unconditionally. Today, rest in this truth: your worth as a father comes from God's choice, not your performance. You are enough because He chose you.

### **Reading:**

*Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV*

*Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

**Reflection Question:** How does knowing God chose you before birth change how you view your calling as a father?

## **Day 2: Grace That Empowers**

**Devotional:** Grace is not weakness—it's transformative power. God's grace doesn't excuse sin; it teaches us to deny ungodliness and live righteously. As fathers, we're called to parent with this same grace: strong enough to correct, tender enough to restore. Your children don't need a perfect father; they need a grace-filled one who models God's character. Grace provides structure without crushing spirits. It disciplines while preserving dignity. It says "no" to protect while saying "yes" to relationship. Today, consider where you've been operating in legalism (all structure, no grace) or license (all freedom, no boundaries). Ask God to help you parent with the same grace He extends to you—empowering, teaching, and restoring.

### **Reading:**

*Titus 2:11-14 NKJV*

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

**Reflection Question:** Where do you need God's grace to parent with both strength and tenderness?

## Day 3: The Father's Faithful Presence

**Devotional:** The father in this parable never stopped watching for his son. Despite betrayal, disrespect, and abandonment, he stood ready to welcome him home. This is God's heart toward us—and the heart we're called to have toward our children. Your children will disappoint you. They'll make foolish choices. They may even reject what you've taught them. But like the father who ran toward his wayward son, your calling is to remain present, watching, ready to embrace them when they return. Grace doesn't mean accepting sinful behavior; it means loving the person despite their behavior. Today, remember: your children need to know that no matter how far they wander, there's always a home to return to in your love.

### Reading:

*Luke 15:11-24 NKJV(The Prodigal Son)*

*Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.*

*But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the kids that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

*And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the kids that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’*

*And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight,*

*and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.*

*And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.*

**Reflection Question:** Is there a relationship with your child that needs the father's running embrace today?

## **Day 4: Teaching for Tomorrow**

**Devotional:** David's final charge to Solomon wasn't about wealth or power—it was about faithfulness to God. Wise fathers parent not for today's comfort but for tomorrow's character and eternity's consequences. Every decision you make as a father either invests in your child's eternal inheritance or their temporary pleasure. Teaching God's ways, warning about consequences, protecting from predators, providing for needs—these are investments in legacy. The world will pressure you to prioritize sports over church, success over character, approval over obedience. But fathers who embrace their calling understand that a child's soul matters more than their trophies. Today, evaluate: are your daily decisions building your child's eternal inheritance or just their earthly comfort?

### **Reading:**

*1 Kings 2:1-4 NKJV*

*Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: “I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgements, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; that the Lord may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,’ He said, ‘you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’*

*Proverbs 22:6 NKJV*

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

**Reflection Question:** What sacrifice do you need to make today to invest in your child's eternal future?

## **Day 5: Breaking Generational Cycles**

**Devotional:** You are not bound to repeat the failures of your father. Through Christ, you've been adopted into God's family with a new inheritance and a new identity. The generational curses, the patterns of abuse, the cycles of abandonment—they can end with you. God's grace is sufficient to make you the father you never had. This doesn't mean you won't struggle or make mistakes, but it means you're not alone in this calling. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you, empowering you to love, lead, and leave a godly legacy. Today, declare freedom over your family line. You are a curse-breaker, a generation-shifter, chosen by God to reflect His perfect fatherhood to your children and grandchildren.

### **Reading:**

*Romans 8:14-17 NKJV*

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you receive the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit the two are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

*Romans 8: 28-30 NKJV*

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

**Reflection Question:** What generational pattern will you, by God's grace, refuse to pass on to your children?

**Closing Prayer:** Father God, thank You for choosing me before I was born. Help me embrace my calling as a father with confidence in Your grace, not my performance. Give me strength to teach, wisdom to discipline, courage to protect, and grace to love unconditionally. Break every generational curse and empower me to leave a legacy that points my children and their children to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.