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Purpose: Provoke dads and people who influence children to meet 4 basic needs kids have.

Spiritual Truth: Help me dad; I need you.

Text: Mk 10:13-16

Topic: Fathers Day, Fathers, Parenting, Children

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I. Introduction

A. Father's Day: Video/ Song/ Honor dads

B. Jesus' perspective on children

1. Mark 10:13-16 (The Message)

¹³ The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. ¹⁴ The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom..." ¹⁶ Then, **gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.**

2. Jesus really loves kids. He loved kids in Bible days and He loves them today. He cares about what happens to kids and He wants us to raise them right.

3. Today I will talk to you about 4 needs children have and show you what the Bible says about meeting those needs.

4. Application: dads, moms, mentors, coaches...anybody that influences children.

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2. Show me the difference between right and wrong.

3. Love me when I mess up.

4. Teach me how to be successful in life.

II. 4 needs children have...

A. Tell me you love me and that you're proud of me.

1. Luke 3:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²²...and a voice came from heaven which said, **"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."**

a. God the Father is telling His Son Jesus that He loves Him and is proud of Him. Why did the Father say this to Jesus?

b. Though Jesus was God He was also a man. I believe Jesus the man needed the affirmation of His Father. He needed to know His Father loved him and was proud of what He was doing. If Jesus needed to hear words of affirmation from His Father how much more do we need the same thing?

2. The words we say to children have power to build them up or tear them down.
 - a. Proverbs 18:21 (The Message) ²¹ **Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.**
3. Kids need the significant people in their life to help them believe in themselves. Kids are insecure, trying to decide if they've got what it takes to make it and if they're any good. They need to hear you tell them words of life.
 - a. I'm 54 and I still need people to tell me they love me and are proud of me.
4. Make a decision today to tell the people you care about that you love them and are proud of them every day.

B. Show me the difference between right and wrong.

1. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (The Message)
 - ⁶ Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you ⁷ and then **get them inside your children**. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.
2. A parent's #1 job is to teach their kids about God and His Word. There was a time in America when Christian influence defined our culture. Stores were closed on Sunday; people were embarrassed when they cursed or dressed immodestly; the Bible was taught in school; marriage was considered sacred and divorce was rare...not anymore. People don't know the difference between right and wrong.
3. Your kids want to know...Is sexting ok? Is it ok to lie to get something I want? What's wrong with the music my friends listen to? Is it ok to stand on the side of the road and beg for money because I'm too lazy to work? How should I dress? Is it ok to have sex with somebody I like? Can two girls get married? Am I better than other people because of the color of my skin or where we live?
 - a. Tell me what the Bible says dad. I need you to show me the difference between right and wrong.
 - b. Proverbs 22:6 (NCV) ⁶ **Train children to live the right way**, and when they are old, they will not stray from it.
4. If you don't show them the right way who will?

C. Love me when I mess up.

1. Luke 15:20 (NLT) [The prodigal son and a father's love, // 's God's love for us]
 - ²⁰ **“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him**
 - a. This is a story about a son who messes up really bad and a dad who loves him anyway. Love doesn't mean you approve of the behavior but you choose to love them in spite of what they've done.
2. You can teach kids what's right but they're still going to mess up. They need to be confronted and disciplined when they mess up. That's tough love. There needs to be consequences for bad behavior but they need you to love them no matter what they do. Kids need to know that you'll never give up on them.
 - a. Demetrius got a girl pregnant at 16 in an interracial relationship. His dad said “you're not going to run out on this baby. We're going to home school you and get you a job”. The next day he was working at Shoney's. They're still married, their daughter is the love of their life, he manages one of the most successful restaurants in town and he is pasturing a church.

- b. He made a mistake but his dad didn't throw him away. He walked through it with him because he loved his son.

D. Teach me how to be successful in life.

1. Genesis 1:28 (The Message) [God to Adam and Eve]

²⁸ God blessed them: “**Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible...**for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

2. This verse addresses our outlook and purpose in life. We call it work. This is a picture of hard work, success and accomplishment. We call it capitalism. Individuals are responsible for themselves. They work hard. They face difficulties head on. When they fail they get up and try again until they succeed. Then they enjoy the fruit of their labor.

- a. Kids need to be taught this so they can be successful.

3. Modern America offers a different alternative with the welfare state. Big government socialism promises cradle to grave care and creates an entitlement mentality. People become lazy. Kids raised this way will never fulfill Ge. 2:28.

4. This mentality is destroying Great Britain. In 2010 in over 350,000 households no one has ever held a job. 550,000 people have never worked and don't want to.

5. Kids have to be trained to get out of bed and go to work. They must learn to be responsible so they can be successful. They must be taught not to quit when life is hard. They must be encouraged to get up when they fall. They must be pushed in school and train for a career.

6. Success is more than learning how to sign up for free benefits. It's taking charge and being responsible. Teach this to your kids!

III. Conclusion: Summary...4 needs children have

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IV. Response

A. Video “Dads”...Church on the Move

B. Gifts for dads

C. Prayer of blessing

D. Prayer/ Souls