

Father's Day Message
John 5 Fatherhood
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Opening

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-The question of whether or not you are a father is a simple one. Do you have children? The question of whether or not you are walking in fatherhood...that's a much longer conversation!

-And I believe that in John 5, Jesus gives us 4 foundational features of Biblical fatherhood.

Introduction

-John 5:19

-(give some background...religious leaders disturbed by Jesus' claim of being God's Son because that makes Jesus a God...)

-And in His defense of His claim, I believe Jesus is also teaching us about Biblical fatherhood.

-(reread verse) At first glance, it seems like Jesus is the first millennial! He's 30 years old and still can't do anything on His own!

-“...whatever the Father does, the Son does also.” (explain, not just theological statement about the nature of God but also a revelation about the nature of fatherhood)

-The father relationship is one of the most powerful shaping influences in the future of a child...CHILDREN DO WHAT THEY SEE THEIR FATHER DOING!

Be Productive

-John 5:17

-(read quote from FWE book)

-being productive isn't just about providing for your family financially...

- **work ethic vs. entitlement**
- **the economy of the home**
- **Work serves God as we serve society**
- **Work is essential to eternity**

-Always working is not permission to never be present. Always working means you are walking in fatherhood, equipping your children with both the desire and skills to be productive, contributing members of society.

Be Authentic

-John 5:20

-Passivity is the number one cause of dysfunction in families...fathers not leading the way God intended. Because they have secret struggles, they feel they don't have the moral authority to lead.

- **A small group of men to confide in**
- **A bigger group of men to grow from**
- **A larger family called church to build with**

-Being an open book with your children isn't healthy. Too many fathers misunderstand authenticity. Your children need you to be an open book with other Christian men so you can walk in fatherhood with them!

Be Life Giving

-John 5:21

-Death isn't just a vulnerability of our bodies...dying on the inside is just as real and devastating.

- **Are your words life giving?**
- **Is how you treat their mother life giving?**
- **Do you use your personality as an excuse?**
- **Do you have unresolved past hurts?**

-James 3:3-5

-Walking in fatherhood means that our words and our actions are always life giving those around us!

Be Empowering

-John 5:22

-One of our greatest responsibilities with walking in fatherhood is to build in our children the sense of authority they must have over their own lives.

- **Authority over their feelings**
- **Authority over their words**
- **Authority over their impulses and desires**
- **Authority over their bodies**
- **Authority over their sexuality**
- **Authority over their circles of influence**

-And if all of that seems overwhelming to you...refer to John 5:20...that's why having a church family is the cornerstone to walking in fatherhood.

Band (shift to opening slide)

-John 5:26

-Fatherhood sets into motion an impact that lasts for generations...

Close

-(decide in moment)