

**Flawed Fathers  
(Father's Day)  
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**Opening**

-(worship wrap...)

-(set up movie clip...)

-I want to preach directly to men tonight, and this is what I want all of us to remember. We have a chink in our armor. I love the father and son moment in that scene...but I showed it to you tonight because like that dragon, we are vulnerable!

-Pray

**Introduction**

-1 John 2:15-17

- The chink in my armor: entitlement (“I deserve”)
- I deserve to feel good. (the lust of the flesh)
- I deserve to have more. (the lust of the eyes)
- I deserve to be known. (the pride of life)

-Tonight I'm going to show you...

- Entitlement's origin in Eden...
- Satan's approach to Jesus in the wilderness...
- 3 Flawed Fathers in Noah, Moses, and Solomon...

***-Just because we ARE flawed and HAVE failed doesn't mean God sidelines us...He hasn't given up on your destiny...don't you do it either!***

-(tell little league story..."Freddy Michox..." and girl running me over)

## **Eden**

-Genesis 3:1-7

-Satan wasn't just talking to Eve...he knew Adam was listening!

-Look at Eve's thoughts...

- "good food" (God is neglectful...I deserve to feel good)
- "delight to the eyes" (God is withholding...I deserve to have more)
- "desirable to make one wise" (God is egotistical...I deserve to be known)

-As look back over my life...

-“I deserve...” (entitlement is my vulnerability!!!)

## **The Wilderness (remember Jesus was in Eden)**

-ref. Matthew 4:1-11 (Satan testing His humanity)

- the bread...lust of the flesh/feel good (think of a favorite food...)
- the jump...pride of life/be known (have you ever thought of why we are enamored by famous people...)
- the offer...lust of the eyes/have more (a material fantasy?)

-“I deserve...” (entitlement is my vulnerability!!!)

## **Noah (flawed father number one - too much wine)**

-Genesis 9:18-23 (lust of the flesh)

-(talk about our brains being chemical factories...it's like we have a 24/7 pharmacist in our brain!!!!)

-Is it just me...or can we see Noah saying to himself, “I deserve to feel good!”

- 600 years old entering ark
- in the ark for just over a year
- no electricity

- no plumbing
- LOTS of animals going to the bathroom
- You thought the Covid quarantine was bad...lol!

-“Let’s make some wine...” AND he ends up naked! (nakedness is always soon to follow drunkenness!)

-BECAUSE I DESERVE TO FEEL GOOD!

*-There is a sacredness to our nakedness because pleasure is holy!*

-Did you know Eden in Hebrew translates: pleasure?

-God IS NOT neglectful! He is perfectly attentive! Trust His plan for pleasure!

*-AND...in spite of Noah being a flawed father...we should never put our children in the situation where they are dealing with the consequences of our sin...God still used him to give the world the most powerful prophetic picture of trusting in God’s sovereignty...the ark! (encourage men here)*

### **Solomon (flawed father number two – too much wealth)**

-1 Kings 10:1-9 read and ref. I Kings 11:1-13 (the lust of eyes)

-God is not withholding!!!!

-Proverbs vs. Ecclesiastes (seems Ecclesiastes should have come first...he knew better!)

-I DESERVE TO HAVE MORE!!!!!! (in this case, generational implications)

-(read The Treasure Principle quote) **(material destiny)**

*-AND...in spite of Solomon being a flawed father...we should never spend our adult lives giving our children the example of how not to be men...God still used him to give the world the most powerful prophetic book that represents to us our relationship with the Holy Spirit...Proverbs! (encourage men here )*

### **Moses (flawed father number three - too much work)**

-Exodus 18:5-8, 13-18 (the pride of life)

-Do you notice where in the story his wife and children are?

-Genesis 3:16-19 (BIBLE)

- We can't escape the experience of the curse!
- We've been set free from the identity of the curse! (sense of worth)
- We have been set free from, "I deserve to be known!"

-Men, be proud of your work. Be excellent in your work. Our work is part of the Imago Dei! But never be bound to your work, especially at the expense of everything in this life that is eternal.

*-AND...in spite of Moses being a flawed father...our families should never feel neglected by anything, especially a task given to us by God...God still used him to give the world the most powerful prophetic picture of Jesus dying for the sins of the world...Passover! (encourage men here)*

## **Band**

-I deserve to feel good! (recommend book Sex, Men, and God)

-I deserve to have more! (recommend book The Treasure Principle)

-I deserve to be known! (recommend book The Life You've Always Wanted)

***-This is the key to victory over entitlement, especially in these three areas, when I resolve myself to only wanting Heaven's pleasure, Heaven's riches, and Heaven's fame...nothing more and nothing less...we never succumb to entitlement!***

## **Close**

-Psalm 84:2