

Romans 8 v 15 - 16; "For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more into the bondage of fear, You have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing son-ship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit [assuring us] that we are children of God."



THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT A FATHER HAS ON OUR HEALTH

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Ephesians 3 v 14 – 20: “I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in Heaven and Earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name. May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in your inner man by the Holy Spirit [Himself indwelling in my innermost being and personality]. May Christ through my faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your heart! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God’s devoted people, the experience of that love], what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically through experience for yourself] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] with all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]! Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that you [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond your highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams].”

THE PURPOSE OF EVERY CHILD OF GOD:

There are many people within the body of Christ who love God and are serving Him with all their hearts but who are not able to receive God's love or identify with Him as their Father – the fact that God loves them is "head knowledge" but they cannot receive it as a revelation in their hearts and have never practically experienced the love of God for themselves. Often this is because of the damage done by an absent, unloving, harsh or abusive earthly father. This has an enormous impact on our spiritual growth, the struggles that we deal with emotionally and psychologically and on our health.

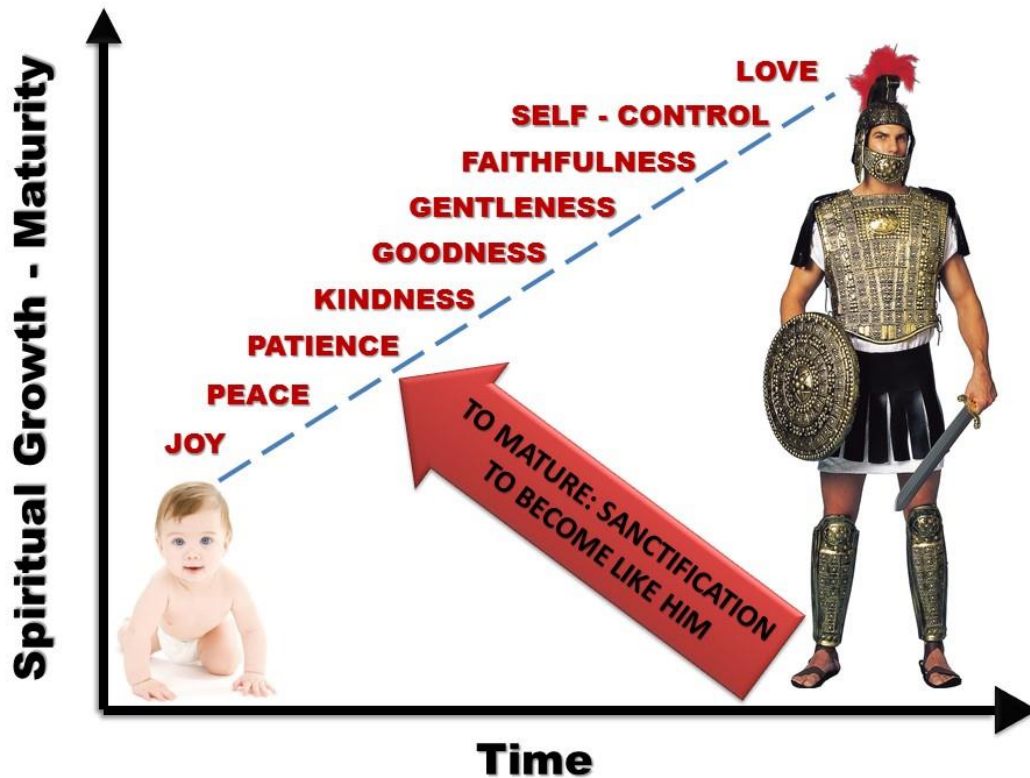
The top 3 purposes of the lives of every child of God is:

1. **Salvation:** To know Him and have an intimate love relationship with Him.
2. **Sanctification:** To become like Him – after salvation we need to go through the process of sanctification where we mature spiritually and from glory to glory are moulded into the image of Jesus.
3. **Make an impact:** God has a calling and destiny on our life where He has destined us to make an impact on the lives of others so that they may come to know Him too.

So in essence our purpose is to know Him, to become like Him and to make Him known.



When we are born as babies, we have immature behaviour: For example we are not able to feed or dress ourselves and our parents have to change our nappies etc. When we are small babies, it is ok for us to have this immature behaviour, but our parents' desire for us to grow! If they still have to feed, dress us and change our nappies when we are 40 years old then there is a problem! At salvation when we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross and accept Him as our Lord and saviour – we become born again .And we are like babies spiritually with immature behaviour for example we have fear, guilt, shame, self-hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.



After salvation, our Father’s desire is that we grow spiritually and go through the process of sanctification where we become like Him.

2 Corinthians 3 v 16 – 18: “But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom]. And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transformed into His image from glory to glory; for this comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit.”

As you spend time with God in His Presence and in His Word, you’ll find that He will begin to change you little by little – the Holy Spirit will take you on a journey of sanctification where He begins to mould you into the image of Jesus. This is where you begin to see a change in your character and life style. Instead of thinking, speaking and acting like the world, you begin to think, speak and act like God. Being moulded into the image of Jesus - means that the Holy Spirit, works out of us, our carnal, fleshly, sinful, worldly traits, and mind-sets, and works into us, the character and mind of Christ. God’s “glory” is a manifestation of His Presence and character. As we become like Jesus, we start bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit which are the qualities of God’s character in our character – that is what “being transformed from glory to glory means”.

Galatians 5 v 22 – 23: “²²But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His Presence within accomplishes] is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control.”

As we start developing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our character, we start overcoming and walking in victory, and we become spiritually mature soldiers in His kingdom who start having an impact on other people’s lives for Him. In other words we start helping others overcome fear, guilt, shame, a low self-esteem etc. and come into a close love relationship with Him.



One of the purposes of marriage is to produce Godly children. The children are the fruit of that marriage and that is proof that the husband and wife exist because the children would not be there if the husband and wife did not exist! In the same way, when we show the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives, *it is the proof to the world that God exists* and that is what draws them to also want to know Him when they see the love, joy, peace and victorious life that we have – and so we start making real impact.

So our Father wants us to grow up spiritually through the process of sanctification so that we can be set free and so that we can set others free. As Jesus said to Peter: **“When you have recovered yourself, go strengthen the brethren...”** However, the enemy does not want us to have a great impact for God’s kingdom – he wants to destroy us before we have the chance to do this. Now thinking in terms of strategy, if you were the enemy – when would it be easier for you to destroy a person? When he is a helpless baby or a child or when he is a grown up, strong, mature soldier who is skilled in battle? Of course you would take him out when he is a baby! That is exactly what the enemy does and this is how he does it:

THE ROLE OF THE FATHER IS TO BRING IDENTITY AND DESTINY

As I mentioned, one of the purposes of a marriage is to raise Godly children – and the role of the father and mother in this process is different: The role of the mother is to love and to nurture, and she treats her sons and daughters the same – she hugs her children, loves them, kisses them etc. The father does not treat his sons and daughters the same because his role is to establish **identity and destiny**. So for example he will rough and tumble with his sons, take them fishing, hunting etc. and do manly things - establishing his sons’ identity as men, whilst his daughter he will put her on his lap, tell her she is his beautiful princess, and treat her like a lady - affirming her femininity. We see the father bringing identity in our cultures – for example we take on the name of our father and when a woman gets married she takes on the surname (identity) of the man. We even see this with Jesus – two of the three times that God’s audible voice is heard in the New Testament – God the Father said: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!” In other words the Father said, “This is My boy! (that is identity) and I am happy with where He is going (that’s destiny).”

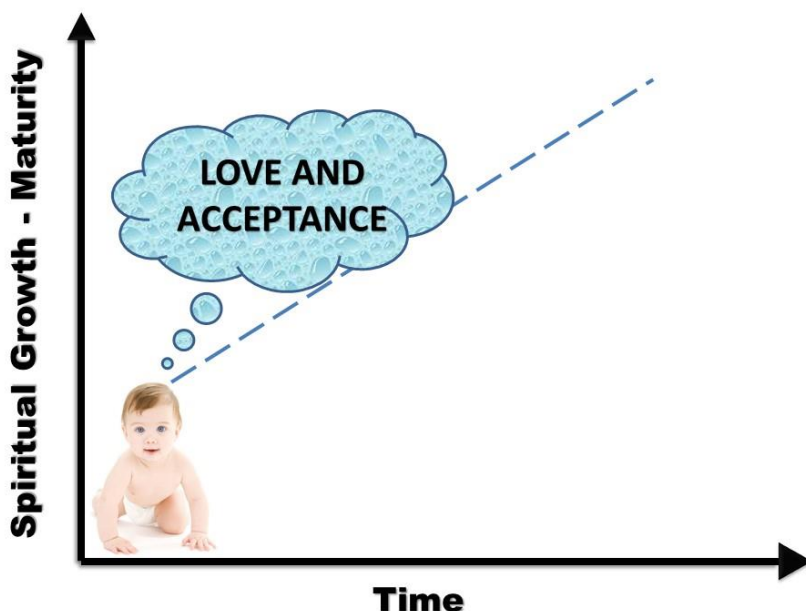
Then literally 3 verses after God the Father said this at Jesus’ baptism, Jesus is led into the desert to be tempted, and Satan says to Him: **“If you are the Son of God...turn these stones into bread.”** God the Father has just reaffirmed Jesus’ identity and three verses later, Satan came to attack His identity and try bringing doubt: “If you are the Son of God – **prove it by doing something** – turn the stones into bread.” We have been falling for the same lie – Satan attacks our identity and says, if you are somebody of

value and worth, prove it by **doing** something...and we are driven into performance as we try to achieve, to make money, get the latest car, a fancy house, a PhD degree, wear designer clothes, look like a model etc. in order that we can be somebody of significant value and worth and we fall into the deception of placing our identity in what **we do**, instead of who **we are**. Jesus resisted the devil's attack on His identity by quoting Scripture, "Man shall not live by bread alone – but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." In other words, "I don't have to prove anything! I am the Son of God because God's Word says so!" In the same way, we do not have to prove our value and worth because our identity is in who we are in Christ as stated in the Word of God.

In the customs of the Hebrew people of the Bible (and the Jewish people today) there were key times in a child's life where the father would speak blessing over his children and reaffirm their identity and destiny. Let's see how this played out in the families in the Bible compared to how it typically plays out in the world today:

PREGNANCY

When the father finds out the mother is pregnant, the father is delighted and places his hand on the mother's belly and blesses the baby – and He says, "You are my beloved son (or daughter) in whom I am well pleased! You are a blessing! We can't wait to meet you!" And so what does the baby feel? Even in the womb it feels love and acceptance.



In the world, the Father says, "You are what???Pregnant!!! Oh, my gosh, we are not even married! Get rid of it – we can't let this ruin our lives!" And often the father is never to be seen again! He says "I want nothing to do with the baby!"So what does the baby feel in the womb? Rejection – fear, abandonment, guilt, shame.



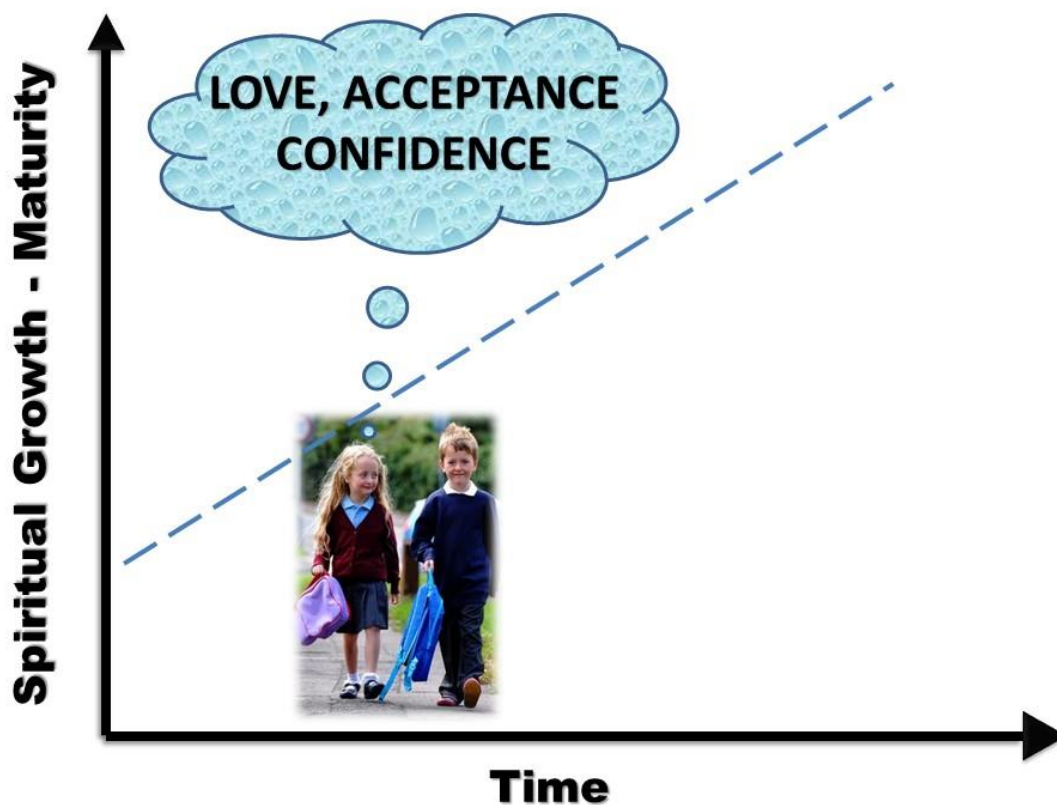
AT BIRTH

In the Jewish custom: The father is there to hold the baby as it comes out and he says, “You are my beloved son or you are my beloved daughter in whom I am well pleased!” He then speaks a blessing over his child. So once again, the baby feels loved and accepted – and begins its life in blessing.

One of the biggest mistakes we have made in medicine is to take the father out of the delivery room, as we have been robbed of the tremendous impact of a father being there when the baby is born to speak blessing over it. Furthermore, what often happens in the world is the father may for example say, “It’s a girl? Ahhh I wanted a boy!” The baby feels rejection and fear, guilt, shame *again*.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

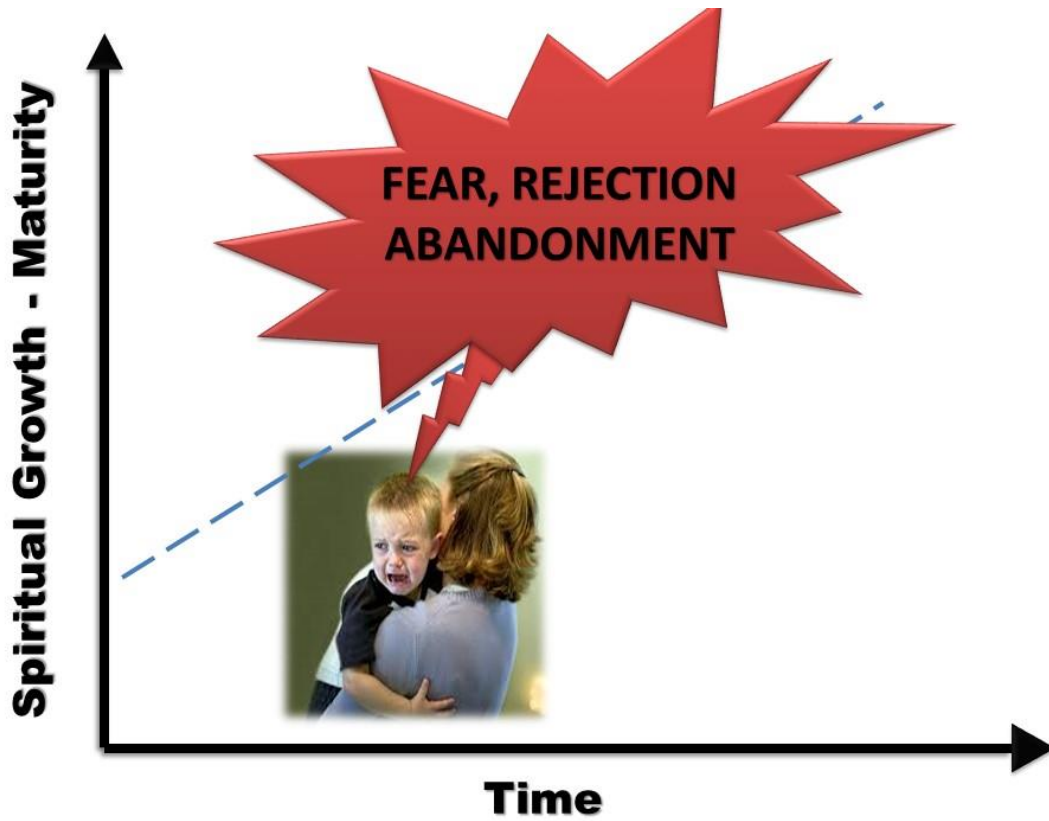
The next key time in a child’s life is the first day of school. In the Bible: the father puts his son or daughter on his knee and says, “Today is your first day at school. I want you to know that I am so proud of you and I love you! Even though we are taking you to school, we will be there to pick you up because this is your home and you belong with us!” The child feels loved and accepted, and goes to school with confidence and excels in everything he/she does.



I was blessed to have a loving mother and father and a stable childhood. I had a Greek grandfather who believed that there are two “rings” that you must put on your children’s fingers that nobody can ever take off – and that is the ring of education and the ring of confidence. They used to purposefully speak words of life into me on a regular basis, telling me how clever I am, that everything I do will prosper and be a success etc. And so on my first day of school, I walked off with confidence whilst my mother was crying!

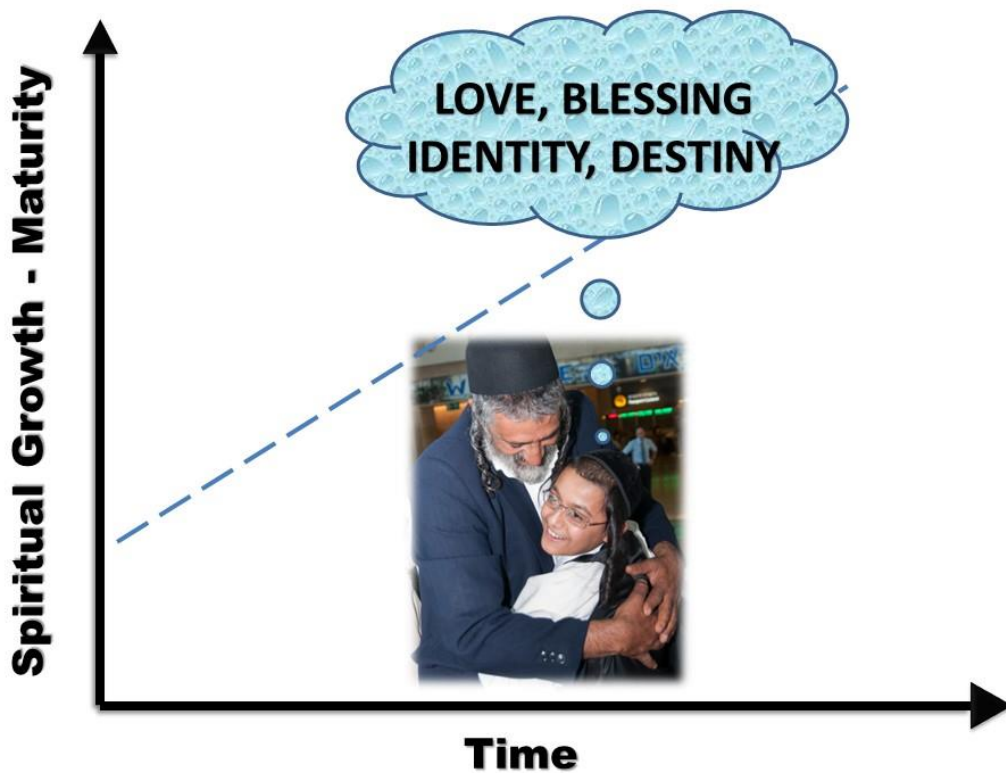
In the world the first day at school is a night mare! The kids scream and cry, hold onto their parent’s legs and literally drag along the ground in fear of letting them go because they already have so much fear and rejection, they think their parents are going to leave them behind. This has been the cause of many cases of asthma which is caused by the fear of abandonment. There are many children who were dropped at boarding school and when their parents drove off they never thought they

would see them again. And so we have had to help them get delivered from the fear of abandonment that came in at that time, and they were healed during ministry on that level.

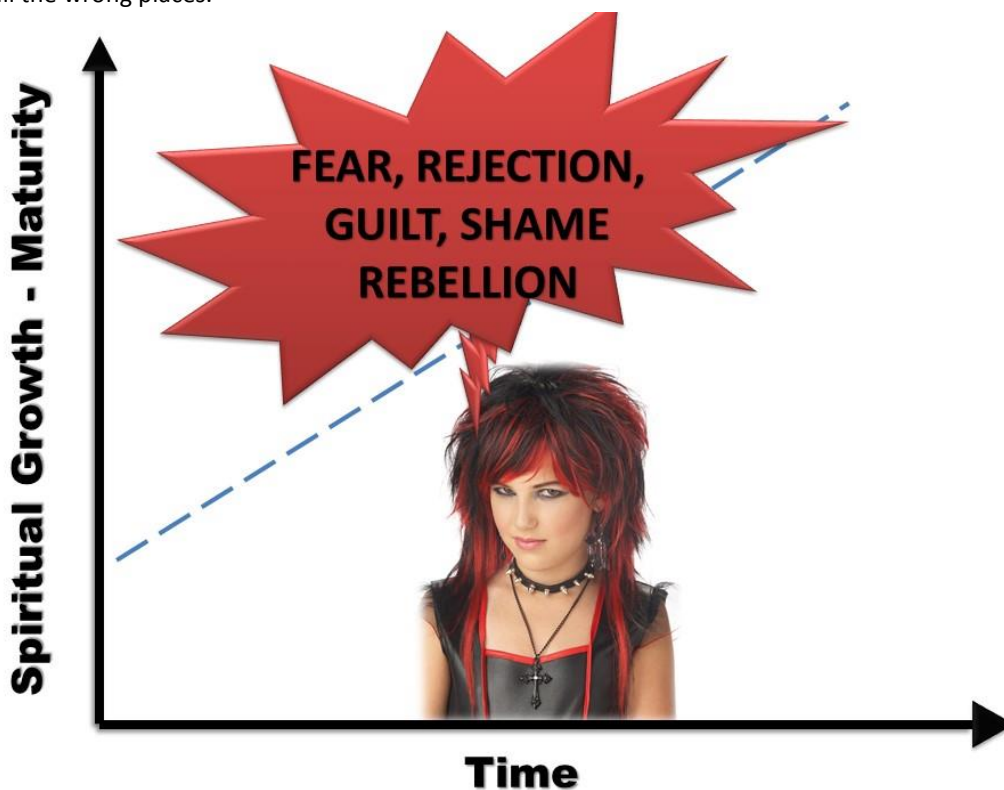


COMING OF AGE

The next key time for a child is coming of age at 13 years: in the Hebrew and Jewish culture, the father throws a celebration party and puts his son or daughter on his shoulders and again reaffirms blessing, identity and destiny.



In the world, the father is often not even there or has played a very little role in the child's life. So by the time they are teenagers, they have a lack of identity and destiny. They have a low self-esteem and are struggling with peer pressure as they try to find out who they are and they have no direction...only fear, rejection, guilt and shame – which has lead the child into rebellion and a search for love in all the wrong places.



And so instead of growing up in the spiritual maturity of love and the characteristics of God where in adulthood we are becoming mighty warriors that make an impact in His kingdom, we go into a deepening spiral of bondage of fear, guilt and shame.



1 John 4 v 18: "There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of the doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]."

OUR IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER IS AFFECTED BY OUR IMAGE OF OUR EARTHLY FATHER

Apart from bringing identity and destiny, another important role of the Father is to reflect the Father heart of God to his children. In other words God designed it such that as children we gain an understanding of the concept of how to have a relationship with God the Father, through the experience of a relationship with our earthly Father. A very true saying is: "A son cannot find a father is God, until He first finds God in his Father." So because of this, our image of God the Father is affected by our image of our earthly father. Therefore, if our earthly father was harsh and abusive, we will subconsciously develop a distorted image of God the Father, where we think He is a harsh and abusive and we will think that God is an angry, judgemental condemning God who is waiting for any opportunity to punish us and strike us with a lightning bolt as soon as we mess up. If we had to achieve in order to measure up and receive love and acceptance from our earthly father, we will also end up trying to earn the love and acceptance of God the Father through works and performance. For example: getting involved, in all sorts of activities in churches or charities, etc. to earn, "brownie points", with God. A true story: There was one man who was the son of a millionaire. As a teenager he was very irresponsible – he would go out drinking, and every time he smashed the latest BMW car that his father brought him, his father would just buy him another one. Then when he grew up he got saved, but his image of God the Father was the same i.e. it was affected by the experience and the image he had of his earthly father – he thought he could just be irresponsible and expected God to bail him out.

So for many people - because in their hurt God has that same "horrible name father", they think that He is like the other one... and so now God the Father is guilty by association. When Jesus taught us to pray, He began with: "Our Father..." and we get a block right there because we want nothing to do with "father"! "Father – ugh what father!!" And so people struggle to identify with God as Father - they can pray to and have a relationship with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit, and maybe even pray to "God" ... but they cannot pray "Father". **They cannot identify with God as Father and therefore they are not able to receive His love.**

CHECK MATE IN ONE STRATEGIC MOVE

Not being able to receive God's love creates **a major problem**: latest medical research is tracing back 87 – 95% of diseases to various toxic mind-sets upstream in our thought life. The toxic mind-sets that lead to disease can be traced back to a breakdown in relationship on one of three levels:

- A breakdown in relationship with God
- A breakdown in relationship with ourselves
- A breakdown in relationship with others

The foundation of the kingdom of God is relationship. And so the foundation of Satan's attack is to destroy our relationship with God, ourselves and others. So healing begins with restoring your relationship with God yourself and others...or put another way: loving God, loving yourself and loving others. Somebody once asked Jesus what the greatest commandment is and He said, "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength. Then the second greatest commandment is like it – love your neighbour as you do yourself – upon this depends all the law and the prophets". In other words Jesus said, "What it is all about is loving God, loving yourself and loving others!" This is true even in the area of health. The key to healing in one word is "love" because when you love God, yourself and others, you won't have any of the toxic mind-sets that cause disease! However you cannot love others if you don't love yourself: just as you cannot pour water into a glass from an empty jug, you cannot give out love to others if you don't have it in you. The problem with many marriages today is two people who don't know how to love themselves, are trying to love each other. You will have a very hard time getting along with anybody else if you don't get along with yourself – you may put on a happy, friendly, polite mask but that is a fabricated personality because you are hiding. And you won't be able to love yourself, without first receiving the love of the Father!

So when you end up with a breakdown in relationship with God where you can't receive His love because of the damage done by your earthly father – you will end up with a breakdown in relationship with yourself because now you can't love yourself, and then you will have a breakdown in relationship with others because you find it so hard to give and receive love without fear. And now that you have a breakdown in relationship with God, yourself and others the stage is set for all the toxic mind-sets that cause

disease. So just like in a game of chess, *in one single strategic move* the devil got “check mate” – *just by attacking your relationship with your father.*

So now the top 3 purposes for your life cannot be fulfilled:

1. It is very difficult to know Him and have an intimate love relationship with Him – because you cannot receive His love or identify with Him as Father.
2. Instead of becoming like Him and being moulded into the image of Jesus through the process of sanctification where you mature spiritually –you are developing toxic mind-sets causing you to break down spiritually as you go deeper into the bondage of fear, guilt, shame etc.
3. And instead of making an impact on the lives of others so that they may come to know Him too – being in spiritual, psychological, emotional and physical bondage yourself, you cannot have much of an impact on the lives of others and you get sick before you can fulfil God’s calling and destiny on your life.

So this area of a breakdown in relationship with God the Father because of the breakdown in relationship with our earthly father is a critical area to address in disease and as mentioned at the beginning of this chapter is many times the basis for the low self-esteem and need to be loved unfulfilled in addictions.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

There are so many people who are serving God who are not even sure that He loves them. It is head knowledge, but they can’t truly believe it as a revelation in their hearts. Often these are the people that had an earthly father who was harsh, abusive or unloving in some way. And they struggle to identify with God as Father because of the pain and rejection from their earthly father. Then when I start talking about God as Abba Father or Daddy or Pappa, if they have not been healed, there is something inside them that gets as irritated as it can be because they have never experienced that and it irritates them because they want it. Pastors and doctors who teach these principles hold conferences all over the world where they ask the audience this question, “How many of you growing up as children do not remember your earthly father saying to you these words, “I love you”? Would you raise your hands?” What has almost always been found over the past 30 years is that over 90% of people raise their hands because they never heard their earthly father say, “I love you.” I have also gotten the same result in every conference I have been to. In one audience, there were 26 different nations present and 95% of them raised their hands because they had never heard their earthly father say those words. This is in every church in the world. You can walk into any church and statistically over 90% will raise their hands. One Zimbabwean girl said to the pastor during ministry time, “In all my entire life, even as a Christian, you are the first human being to look me in the eye and say those words, “I Love you”. I’ve never heard those words in my entire life.” If you have a breakdown in your relationship with God because of the failure of your earthly father to represent Him, you may think that you are the only one. I want you to know that you are not alone in the void and the pain that runs so deep. You are not alone in the fear and rejection that has been there from your childhood. This is in epidemic proportions in our society.

In his book called “Bringing up Boys” James Dobson told the true story of a greeting card company who went into a prison. On mother’s day they decided to bring the men in prison cards to send out to their mothers. There was such a response from the men that they had to go back to the factory and get more cards just to keep up with the demand. Due to the success of this effort, on father’s day, they came back to the prison with cards for the inmates to send to their fathers. Not even one man came to get a father’s day card. Many of them had no idea who their fathers were. This is a tragedy.

As mentioned earlier, the voice of God the Father is only recorded three times in the New Testament and that is at the baptism of Jesus with John (Matthew 3 v 17), at the time when Jesus was praying to the Father about being re-glorified after the resurrection and the Father’s voice is heard, “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again” and at the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17 v 5). Two of three times where God the Father’s voice is heard audibly, here is what is recorded about Jesus: **“This is My Son, My Beloved, with Whom I am [and have always been delighted].”** Other translations say, **“This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.”** Ladies, forget about the fact that you didn’t hear your father say “I love you”, if you had just heard your father say these words to you, “You are my beloved daughter in whom I am well pleased,” your heart would be singing forever. If the men had heard their father say to them, “You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased,” their hearts would be singing forever.

This one issue of an unloving earthly father accounts for well over 70 different incurable diseases. Type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, leukaemia and Non-Hodgkins lymphoma are four examples. When there is verbal, emotional, physical or sexual abuse

attached to it or performance, perfectionism, legalism, control and force involved, the diseases that manifest are even worse. This is what is behind most cases of a severe allergy disorder called multiple chemical sensitivity and environmental illness and certain pain disorders such as fibromyalgia and irritable bowel syndrome. Statistically from the secular medical community, 75% of people with irritable bowel syndrome are females who were physically or sexually abused by their fathers.

THE MANDATE OF A FATHER AND HUSBAND TO LOVE

The Bible says that pure and unblemished religion in the sight of God the Father is to take care of the widows and orphans and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world (James 1 v 27). While we are talking about separation from God as the basis of many diseases, let's define who is fatherless and who is a widow. We always think of this as the father or husband having died. However, that is not everything that there is to the fatherless and a widow. You can have the father at home and he may as well be dead for all that he brings into the spiritual well-being of that family. In that family, those children are fatherless. A woman can be married to a man and be a spiritual widow for all that he brings into that relationship. He doesn't represent the Lord as a husband. He is a roommate at best, if that. I haven't mentioned the verbal abuse and control that comes and then he commands her to submit sexually because he has an urge. There are many sicknesses that are over 80% female. The women are not doing too well and the problem is the husband and fathers on this planet are not representing God the Father to their families as they should.

The Bible says that the man was not created for the woman but the woman was created for the man. That is a horrible scripture in today's society because the men have not taken care of the women like God intended them to. When the Bible says that the woman was created for the man, it is not in the chauvinistic sense of legalism, control, damage and victimization. It means that the woman was created for the man as a helpmate. It doesn't mean that the men are greater than their wives or the wives are greater than the men. It means there is an order of government. The purpose of that government has been misunderstood. That government is protection, safety and love. That government is where the wife feels like she is the queen because the Bible says that the man who finds a wife, finds a good thing (Proverbs 18 v 22). The men have not treated the females like the treasure and prize that they really are.

There are many marriage books that have been written. However God gave two simple nuggets of wisdom. He told the wives to respect their husbands, because that is what a man needs most. And then He told the husbands to love their wives because that is what He created a woman to receive. Women were created by God to be nurtured, loved, covered, cared for, protected and made to feel safe so that she can be a helpmate and mother without fear. When the Bible says that the woman is the weaker vessel, it is not a derogatory statement that says that she is inferior. It simply means that there is something stronger than her to protect her namely a loving male and the men haven't always done a good job of that. Part of the problem in the home is that the man doesn't love himself. The Bible says that a man who loves his wife loves himself (Ephesians 5 v 28). That means that if the man is not loving his wife, *he doesn't love himself – he has self hatred.*

You see, many of the men weren't loved by their fathers either and so their identity and destiny was not reaffirmed. They didn't have fathers that were proper role models to show them what a man of God looks like. For most of you the dinner table on Sundays was guillotine night. You came to the table with "Sit down; shut up, it's time for judgment." No wonder you have gastrointestinal problems such as stomach ulcers and irritable bowel syndrome because you couldn't even sit down and have dinner in peace. The men learned to be hard from their earthly fathers. However, God can take the hardness of your heart and give you a soft one if you ask Him to and if you allow Him to (Ezekiel 36 v 26).

It is the men who hold the keys to this planet. When the men finally decide to represent God the father to their children and represent the Lord Jesus as husband to their wives, revival is about to begin. Until the men decide to be a mirror image of heaven, as a father and a husband, we are stuck in every generation with over 70 incurable diseases. Some of the husbands and fathers need to get onto their knees before their wives and children and repent for their ways – for having opened the door for the enemy to oppress their wives and children and for their hardness of heart. If you would just do that, you would get rid of many of the diseases in your family and you would be spending less of your hard earned money on doctors. When a father, repents to his children and when a husband, repents to his wife... the destiny of mankind is about to be changed.

If you are a man and you are reading this book, I'd like to take a moment to impart something to your life if you will allow me to. As a doctor, I'd like to give you a picture of how you can change and undo the damage and devastation of your generations. Before your wife is ever your wife, she is a daughter of God the Father. Therefore she is entitled to the honour that any daughter of God

the Father deserves. If you don't treat her right, do you really want her Father on your case? You don't. Before she is ever your wife, she is the betrothed wife of Christ and she is entitled to all the respect that the betrothed wife of Christ deserves. If you don't treat her right, do you want her Husband to be on your case? Before she is ever your wife, she should be your best friend and therefore you shouldn't need a night out with the boys. I know I am stepping into uncomfortable territory here but encourage you to think this way because the Father and the Son can see you and hear you.

1 Peter 3 v 7 commands husbands to **love** their wives – when a man treats his wife badly, his prayers are cut off from God and nothing really works out well for him in life.

1 Peter 3 v 7: "In the same way you married men should live considerably with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honouring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favour) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered and cut off [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]"

Right here we see a block to healing. If you are not treating your wife with love, don't waste your time praying for healing – because your prayers are cut off from God. This is "tough stuff" but it is vitally important.

You men are wives too you know – you are wives to Jesus. You can learn how to be a better wife to Jesus by being a better husband to your wives. Your homes need to be an oasis of peace and a safe haven for your wife and children. Your home should be your first church. Women were designed to follow a loving spiritual leader who demonstrates the Father heart of God to his family.

THE TRUE IMAGE AND CHARACTER OF GOD THE FATHER

This area of separation from God the Father, because of the failure of an earthly father to represent Him is big in disease. We have got to deal with it and move on and be vulnerable again without fear. We need to get our warped image of God the Father sorted out and get to know His character for Who He is as described in His Word.

Man-made religion paints the image of a condemning God who is a mean old man sitting on the edge of His throne waiting to teach us a lesson as soon as we step out of line. However, that is not the image and character of God that the Bible portrays. God is a loving God. He is full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. His mercy is new every morning and His mercy endures forever. His faithfulness reaches to the skies! God is not sitting on the edge of His Throne waiting for an opportunity to punish you - *He is earnestly waiting for an opportunity to bless you and to be gracious to you.*

This is a word for those of you who are struggling with a breach in relationship between you and God the Father: **Isaiah 30 v 18: "And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favour, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship!]"**

What a wonderful Scripture! If you will take a moment to think about it, it will bring you tremendous hope. This scripture reveals a lot to you about the character of your God. For those of you who have difficulty in identifying with the Father, I hope that this will increase your faith and enable you to approach Him as your Daddy. God is literally sitting on the edge of His seat, looking for an opportunity to bless you, to be gracious to you, to show you mercy and loving kindness.

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Psalm 103 v 8 – 9: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy and loving-kindness. He will not always chide or be contending, neither will He keep His anger forever or hold a grudge"

Psalm 136 v 1: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His mercy and loving kindness endures forever!" The rest of this Psalm goes on to say that "God's mercy endures forever" 26 times. If God tells you that His mercy endures forever 26 times, are you going to finally get the message?

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MORE ABOUT HIS CHARACTER: By: S.M. Lockridge.

My King was born King. The Bible says He's a Seven Way King.

- He's the King of the Jews – that's a racial King.
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- He's the King of the ages.
- He's the King of Heaven.
- He's the King of glory.
- He's the King of kings and He is the Lord of lords.
- Now that's my King!

Well I wonder if you know Him. **Do you know Him?** Do you know my King? David said the **Heavens declare the glory of God**, and the **firmament** show His handiwork. My King is the **only one** whom there are no means of measure can define His limitless love. No far seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of His shore of supplies. No barriers can hinder Him from pouring out His blessing.

He's enduringly strong. He's entirely sincere. He's eternally steadfast. He's immortally graceful. He's imperially powerful. He's impartially merciful. **That's my King!** He's God's Son. He's the sinner's Savior. He's the centerpiece of civilization. He stands alone in Himself. He's unique. He's unparalleled. He's unprecedented. He's supreme. He's pre-eminent.

Well, He's the loftiest idea in literature. He's the highest personality in philosophy. He's the supreme problem in high criticism. He's the fundamental doctrine of proved theology. He's the carnal necessity of spiritual religion. That's my King!

He's the miracle of the age. He's the superlative of everything good that you choose to call Him. Well, He's the only one able to supply all of our needs simultaneously.

He supplies strength for the weak. He's available for the tempted and the tried. He sympathizes and He saves. He guides. He heals the sick. He cleanses the lepers. He forgives sinners. He discharged debtors. He delivers the captives. He defends the feeble. He blesses the young. He serves the unfortunate. He regards the aged. He rewards the diligent and He beautifies the meek. **Do you know Him?**

Well, my King is the key of knowledge. He's the wellspring of wisdom. He's the doorway of deliverance. He's the pathway of peace. He's the roadway of righteousness. He's the highway of holiness. He's the gateway of glory. He's the master of the mighty. He's the captain of the conquerors. He's the head of the heroes. He's the leader of the legislatures. He's the overseer of the overcomers. He's the governor of governors. He's the prince of princes. He's the King of kings and He's the Lord of lords. **That's my King!**

His office is manifold. His promise is sure. His light is matchless. His goodness is limitless. His mercy is everlasting. His love never changes. His Word is enough. His grace is sufficient. His reign is righteous. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. That's my King! Do you know Him? **Well, I wish I could describe Him to you, but He's indescribable!**

He's indescribable! Yes! He's incomprehensible! He's invincible! He's irresistible! I tell you, the heavens of heavens cannot contain Him, let alone a man explaining Him.

You can't get Him out of your mind. You can't get Him off of your hands. You can't outlive Him and you can't live without Him. Well, Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they found out they couldn't stop Him. Pilot couldn't find any fault in Him. The witnesses couldn't get their testimonies to agree. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him and **the grave couldn't hold Him.** That's my King!

He always has been and He always will be. I'm talking about He had no predecessor and He'll have no successor. There was nobody before Him and there'll be nobody after Him. You can't impeach Him and He's not going to resign. That's my King! That's my King!

Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Well, all the power belongs to my King. We talk about black power and white power and green power, but it's God's power. Thine is the power and the glory. We try to get prestige and honor and glory for ourselves, but the glory is all His! Thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory, forever and ever and ever and ever. How long is that? And ever and ever and ever and ever. And when you get through with all of the evers, then, Amen.

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LET HEALING BEGIN

The next important area to deal with in over-coming addictions is to deal with the low self-esteem, guilt, shame and self-hatred behind it. Developing a healthy self-image starts with knowing who we are in Christ and learning to see ourselves as God sees us. Therefore, it is necessary to get our image of God straightened out because how can you develop a good self-image if your image of God is that He is harsh, mean and condemning? Until this issue of the father is dealt with, it just sits there and simmers and keeps us breached from God the Father, it keeps us breached from ourselves and from others because we find it so difficult to give and receive love. If, you are separated, from God, and unable, to identify with Him as your Father, because of a harsh and abusive earthly father, you need ministry – personally and individually in way which you cannot get just from reading a book. Therefore please contact us (contact details: cj.eagleswings@gmail.com) so that we can arrange for you to be ministered to and be set free in this area. At conferences where I teach this material, we get the pastors and elders in church (who are elderly men or father figures) to minister to each of the women and men at the conference individually who needed healing in this area. These men stand in the place of their earthly fathers and say to them these words:

“On behalf of your Father who did not, could not, would not or maybe did not know how to tell you that he loved you, will you forgive me? I am so sorry for the damage and the injury that would have broken your heart. I am so sorry for not being there for you when you needed a father so much – and for leaving you feeling rejected, stranded and afraid inside. So in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I release you from this fear, this confusion and this pain. This day you are going to hear these words from your Heavenly Father to heal your heart: I love you and I am so glad that you were born. You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. I approve of you and am so proud of you. Receive my love for the healing of your broken heart. Let that pain go in Jesus’ Name!”

After that the men hugged the person if he/she was comfortable with that and God did the rest as the fountains of the deep broke forth and the tears flowed as healing began. During ministry on this level, it is very moving and overwhelming to see how these people cry and sob in the grief and hurt because of the loss of the love of a father.

RECEIVE THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER

You are His son. You are His daughter. You are loved! The Almighty, Indescribable God says that He loves you!

John 16 v 27: “For the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from the Father.”

1 John 4 v 15 – 19: “¹⁵Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he that dwells in love, dwells in God, and God in him. ¹⁷Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of the doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection]. ¹⁹We love Him, because He first loved us.”

The prayer of my heart for you is that you would receive the revelation and experience of God the Father’s love for you. I encourage you to pray this prayer from **Ephesians 3 v 14 – 20: “*I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in Heaven and Earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name]. Father, I ask You to grant me out of the rich treasury of Your glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in my inner man by the Holy Spirit [Himself indwelling in my innermost being and personality]. May Christ through my faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in my heart! May I be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that I may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God’s devoted people, the experience of that love], what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That I may really come] to know [practically through experience for myself] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that I may be filled [through all my being] with all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]! Father, You by Your power that is at work within me are able to [carry out Your purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that I [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond my highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams].”***