



The Power of a Father!

As men, in a culture under attack, we need an understanding of mature masculinity—a vision and direction we can pursue with our sons! We need tools, methods, and ideas to help us become Godly men and from which to equip our sons. We need to grow up!

Jacob – the patriarch of Israel – the father of a nation—is a troubling character in the Old Testament. He is so much like us -- with very human strengths and weaknesses, but a man with a striving for spiritual things. From this imperfect man we learn important lessons of faith. Especially, we learn about God's grace. Time to engage—enjoy the Adventure!

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THE POWER OF A FATHER – A GOOD START DOES NOT GUARANTEE A GREAT ENDING!

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We need an understanding of mature masculinity—a vision and direction to help us become Godly men

Bible Verses: Genesis 25:19-34; I Corinthians 10:11-12; Ephesians 6:10, 11; Colossians 3:21

Music: Andrea Bocelli, Matteo Bocelli - Fall On Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChcR2gKt5WM>

Video: Show me the Father - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnlo4KpNe_8

Resources: JACOB – Following God Without Looking Back by Gene A. Getz.

Raising A Modern-Day Knight – A Father's Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood by Robert Lewis.

The Power of a Father – FAMILY DYNAMICS – A Lethal Mistake.

1. _____ → In the beginning, Isaac and Rebekah learned from their parents' mistakes and relied on God rather than themselves. But, Isaac and Rebekah made a terrible mistake once the boys were born. They consistently demonstrated favoritism. This parental favoritism only added to the problem that already existed between the two boys. God wants us to learn valuable lessons from our models (I Cor. 10:11).
2. Principles to Learn:
 1. _____ → A great beginning does not guarantee a great ending. (I Cor. 10:12).
 2. _____ → Though God warns about the possibility of failure in our Christian lives, He also makes it clear that we need not make the same mistakes as our spiritual forefathers or earthly fathers. (Eph. 6:10-11).
 3. _____ → Consistently violating God's will as fathers can lead to devastating results in our children's lives—and in their children's lives. (Col 3:21).

The Power of a Father – MANHOOD: Don't Let Your Son Leave Home Without it!

1. _____ → Do you know what it means to be a man? When you left home, what did you drive away **with**? A few precious memories? An emotional good-bye? Or possibly—like a select few—you left with THE BLESSING!
2. Three Elements of defining Manhood:
 1. _____ → A set of Ideals embodies a well-defined set of values. Ideals set parameters; they shape a man's identity and motivate him to higher levels of excellence, just as they did for the medieval knight. For a son, these ideals become a moral and spiritual beacon. His chivalry expresses a well-defined set of beliefs and values. He knows what he is fighting for!
 2. _____ → A well-defined process allows a boy to pursue knighthood through a clearly marked path. From page to squire to knight—a young man could envision the process, count the cost, and pursue his dream. Sadly, for a boy today, there is no equivalent path on the journey to manhood.
 3. _____ → Men need an elaborate ceremony that is powerful and memorable to anchor in the Journey. Men need to be initiated by other men into manhood and its responsibilities.

ACTION: Journal This!

Every son deserves a dad who fills his life with love, affirmation, and blessing. Every son needs from his father vision, direction, and solid answers to questions such as:

1. What does a man believe?
2. What is a man's greatest responsibilities?
3. What does a man fight for?

"Fall On Me" By Andrea Bocelli & Matteo Bocelli

<p>I thought sooner or later The lights up above Will come down in circles And guide me to love But I don't know what's right for me I cannot see straight I've been here too long And I don't want to wait for it Fly like a cannonball Straight to my soul Tear me to pieces And make me feel whole</p>	<p>I'm willing to fight for it And carry this weight But with every step I keep questioning what is true Fall on me With open arms Fall on me From where you are Fall on me With all your light With all your light With all your light</p>	<p>I close my eyes And I'm seeing you everywhere I step outside It's like I'm breathing you in the air I can feel you're there Fall on me Ascoltami Fall on me Abbracciami Fall on me With all your light With all your light With all your light</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Genesis 25:19-34 – 19 This is the family tree of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham had Isaac. 20 Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan Aram. She was the sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed hard to God for his wife because she was barren. God answered his prayer and Rebekah became pregnant. 22 But the children tumbled and kicked inside her so much that she said, "If this is the way it's going to be, why go on living?" She went to God to find out what was going on. 23 God told her, Two nations are in your womb, two peoples butting heads while still in your body. One people will overpower the other, and the older will serve the younger. 24 When her time to give birth came, sure enough, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out reddish, as if snugly wrapped in a hairy blanket; they named him Esau (Hairy). 26 His brother followed, his fist clutched tight to Esau's heel; they named him Jacob (Heel). Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. 27 The boys grew up. Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman. Jacob was a quiet man preferring life indoors among the tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he loved his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came in from the field, starved. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew - I'm starved!" That's how he came to be called Edom (Red). 31 Jacob said, "Make me a trade: my stew for your rights as the firstborn."</p>	<p>32 Esau said, "I'm starving! What good is a birthright if I'm dead?" 33 Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it. On oath Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn. 34 Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils. He ate and drank, got up and left. That's how Esau shrugged off his rights as the firstborn.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 10:11-12 - 11 These are all warning markers - danger! - in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. Our positions in the story are parallel - they at the beginning, we at the end - and we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. 12 Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.</p> <p>Ephesians 6:10, 11 - 10 And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. 11 So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.</p> <p>Colossians 3:21 - 21 Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits.</p>
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