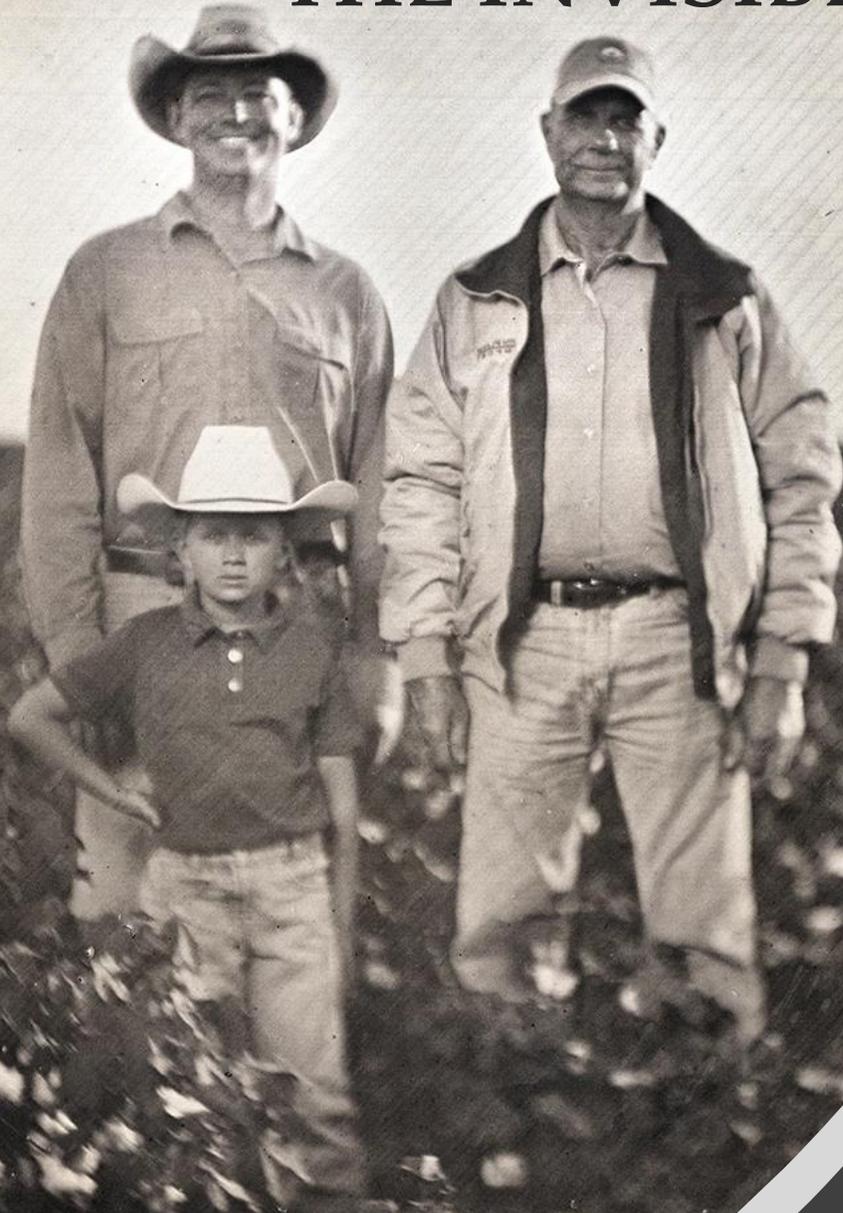


THE POWER OF A FATHER

The Power of a Father:
THE INVISIBLE DAD.



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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 and our daughters. We need to grow up!

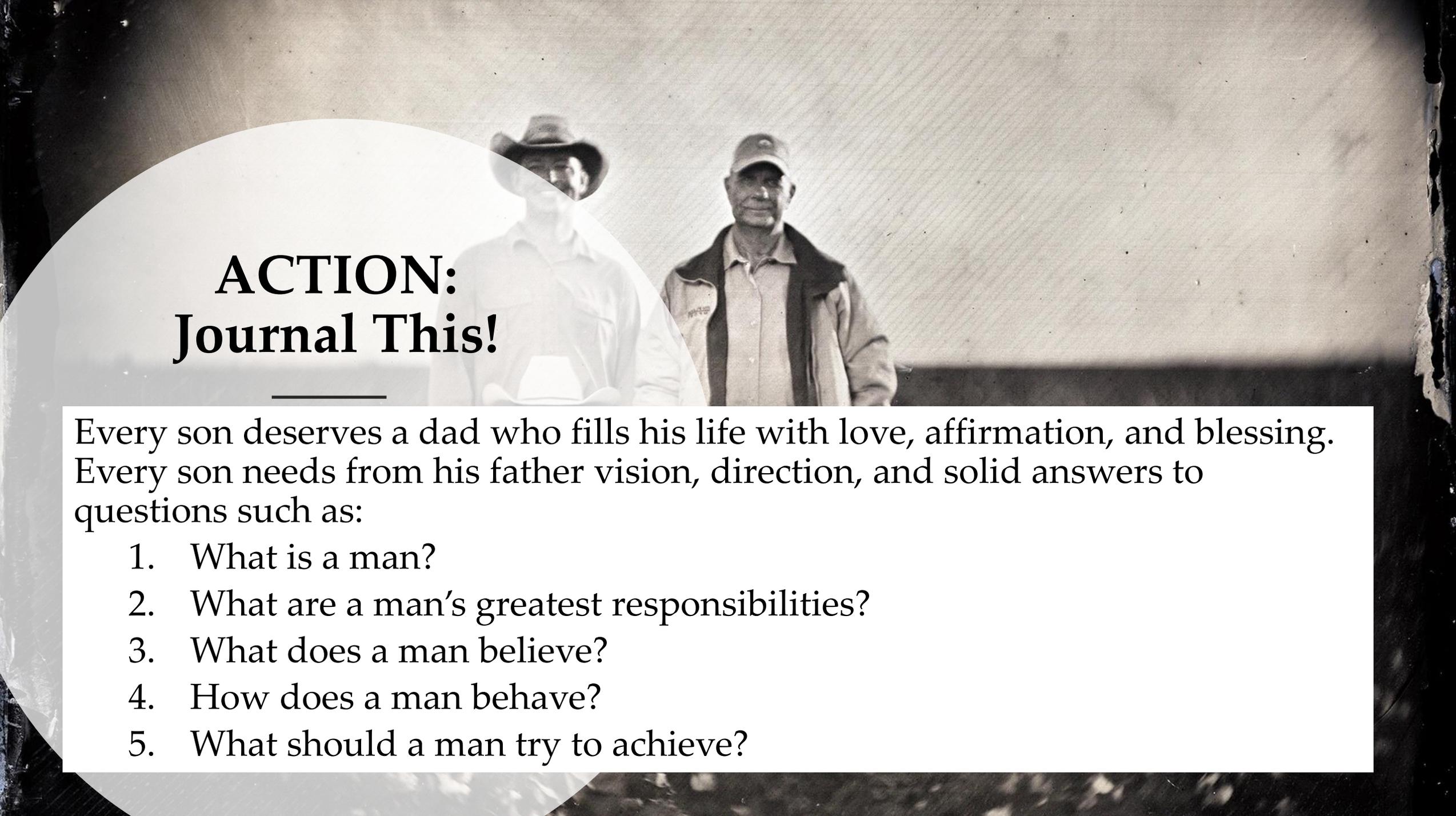
Jacob – the patriarch of Israel – the father of a nation—is a troubling character in the Old Testament. He is a so much like us -- with very human strengths and weaknesses, but a man with a striving for spiritual things. From this imperfect man we learn important lessons of faith. Especially, we learn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

The Power of a Father – CONSEQUENCES OF SIN. – Genesis 25:19-34.

1. **SUFFERING CONSEQUENCES OF SIN** → Though God had promised and revealed that Jacob would be the heir that He had chosen to reveal the Messiah, it was not proper for Jacob to do what he did. His motives were selfish, and in some respects, just as carnal and sinful as Esau's. He had no right to take advantage of Esau's weaknesses in order to "feather his own nest." And even if he felt he was "helping God out," it was just as wrong as when Sarah tried to "help God out" by providing Abraham with her handmaiden in order to provide a son for her husband. And like Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and the woman he would eventually marry would also suffer the consequences of his sinful actions.
2. Live in REALITY:
 1. **I AM BROKEN** → All of us must be self aware enough of our human tendencies to allow our fleshly desires to dominate and control our minds and hearts. And yet, we can be set free (John 3:1-3; Titus 3:1-8).
 2. **NEVER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER'S WEAKNESSES** → No matter what the circumstances, it is never right or appropriate to take advantage of another person's weakness. We are to show humility to all men (Titus 3:1-5).
 3. **THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES** → If we take advantage of another person's weaknesses, we will suffer the consequences. It may even take years, but when it happens, it will be very painful and often disastrous.

The Power of a Father – The Invisible Dad.

1. **Where is Dad?** → Like the movie The Invisible Man, many Dads will shed their responsibilities when they arrive home. They spend the day be responsible in their profession and work, only to disappear into a passivity coma. Invisible Dads are toxic to their sons and daughters. Sons and daughters never hear:
 1. Let's go play.
 2. I love you.
 3. I'm proud of you.
2. **Stop the Curse** → Every son or daughter deserves a dad who fills their life with love, affirmation, and blessing. Every son and daughter needs from their father vision, direction, and solid answers to lives most important questions.



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 is a man?
2. What are a man's greatest responsibilities?
3. What does a man believe?
4. How does a man behave?
5. What should a man try to achieve?