



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 TRANSCENDENT CAUSE!

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Bible Verses: Genesis 28:10-22; John 1:11, 12; Ephesians 2:7-10; Colossians 1:15-18

Music: Randy Travis' fight on overcoming the effects of a stroke <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0KSocBSNvY>

Randy Travis and Karissa Ella "He Walked On Water" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPoadY1Tbrs>

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 – A BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE – Genesis 28:10-22.

1. _____ → Jacob had a "head knowledge" regarding "the God" of his grandfather, Abraham, and of his father, Isaac, but little, if any, "heart knowledge." Jacob had a personal encounter with the living and holy God. Jacob vowed to two tangible expressions of his new faith experience:
 1. _____ → He would always worship God in Bethel. He would never fail to remember what happened there.
 2. _____ → He committed to giving a tenth of all that God gave him.
2. Live in REALITY:
 1. _____ → All men everywhere—no matter what our family heritage, our religious background, or our righteous or unrighteous acts—need to experience God's redemptive grace in order to "enter the gate of heaven." John 1:11, 12. Ephesians 2:8, 9.
 2. _____ → Can you remember a "Bethel experience: in your own life? Romans 6:23.
 3. _____ → True conversion results in a changed life. If we neglect personal and public worship on a consistent basis and neglect being generous with our time, talents, and treasures—especially when we know what God's will is for His children—we need to take a careful look at our relationship with God.

The Power of a Father – A TRANSCENDENT CAUSE – Colossians 1:15-18.

1. _____ → A transcendent cause is a mission that lifts us beyond ourselves, a passion that stirs us to self-sacrifice and causes us to contribute to the larger community. A transcendent cause is not something we do in addition to everything else; instead, it is the one factor that motivates everything we do. Put in the simplest terms, we want our lives to count for something important.
2. Three characteristics of a transcendent cause:
 1. Must be _____ → a noble endeavor calling forth bravery and sacrifice. Therefore, fathers need to give sons conviction, rather than marketplace competence.
 2. Must be _____ → It contains significance beyond the moment. Therefore, fathers need to give sons spiritual significance, rather than social success.
 3. Must be _____ → It pulsates with meaning. Therefore, fathers need to give sons the best things, rather than good things.

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?



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Bible Verses – The Message

Genesis 28:10-22 - 10 Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. **11** He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. **12** And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it. **13** Then God was right before him, saying, "I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I'm giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. **14** Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they'll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. **15** Yes. I'll stay with you, I'll protect you wherever you go, and I'll bring you back to this very ground. I'll stick with you until I've done everything I promised you." **16** Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, "God is in this place - truly. And I didn't even know it!" **17** He was terrified. He whispered in awe, "Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God's House. This is the Gate of Heaven." **18** Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. **19** He christened the place Bethel (God's House). The name of the town had been Luz until then. **20** Jacob vowed a vow: "If God stands by me and protects me on this journey on which I'm setting out, keeps me in food and clothing, **21** and brings me back in one piece to my father's house, this God will be my God. **22** This stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will mark this as a place where God lives. And everything you give me, I'll return a tenth to you."

John 1:11, 12 - 11 He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. **12** But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.

Ephesians 2:7-10 - 7 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. **8** Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! **9** We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! **10** No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Colossians 1:15-18 - 15 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. **16** For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels - everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. **17** He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. **18** And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

"He Walked On Water" By Randy Travis

He wore starched white shirts buttoned at the neck,
and he'd sit in the shade and watch the chickens peck.
And his teeth were gone, but what the heck,
I thought that he walked on water.

He said he was a cowboy when he was young.
He could handle a rope and he was good with a gun.
And my mama's daddy was his oldest son,--
and I thought that he walked on water.

[CHORUS]

If the story's told, only heaven knows.
But his hat seemed to me like an old halo.

And although his wings, they were never seen.
I thought that he walked on water.

Then he tied a cord to the end of a mop,
and said, "Son, here's a pony, keep her at a trot."
And I'd ride in circles while he laughed alot.
Then I'd flop down beside him.

And he was ninety years old in sixty-three
and I loved him and he loved me.

And lord, I cried the day he died,
'cause I thought that he walked on water.

[CHORUS]

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