



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 – THE POWER OF CEREMONY!
 We need an understanding of mature masculinity—a vision and direction
 to help us become Godly men

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Bible Verses: Genesis 29:1-30

Music: Riley Green - I Wish Grandpas Never Died <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyxiNSHNYwk>

Video: Show me the Father

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 – REAPING WHAT YOU SOW – Genesis 29:1-30.

1. _____ → Jacob immediately continued on his journey with a new sense of motivation. Jacob was anxious to see God's purposes carried out in his life.
2. _____ → Jacob didn't realize what lay ahead for him when he arrived in the vicinity of Haran. Ironically, he would see a replay of his own deceptive practices. This time, he would be the object of another man's manipulation. He was going to reap what he had sown.
3. Live in Reality:
 1. _____ → When we violate the will of God in our lives, we always experience the natural consequences of our sins.
 2. _____ → God sometimes allows us to suffer the consequences of our sins so that we might understand the pain we've caused in others' lives, and this understanding will create in us the desire to draw closer to God and treat others in a more Christlike manner.
 3. _____ → No matter who or what caused the consequences of sin in our lives, God wants us to view pain and suffering as a means to be able to connect more effectively to others who are experiencing the same difficulties.
 4. _____ → No matter the cause of our pain and suffering and regardless of the results in our lives, God forgives the sins of the past. When God forgives us, He sees us as a loving Father to a beloved son—like He saw Jesus.

The Power of a Father – THE POWER OF CEREMONY.

1. _____ → Ceremonies are those special occasions that weave the fabric of human existence. Weddings. Award banquets. Graduations. The day you became an Eagle Scout or were accepted into a fraternity. *We remember because of ceremony.* QUOTE by Robert Lewis.
2. The journey to manhood needs three components:
 1. _____ → a vision for manhood. A Real Man **Rejects Passivity**. A Real Man **Accepts Responsibility**. A Real Man **Leads Courageously**. A Real Man **Expects the Greater Reward**.
 2. _____ → a code of conduct. **INTIMACY** (Hosea 6:6). **SERVANT-LEADERSHIP** (Matthew 20:26,27). **KINDNESS** (Proverbs 19:22). **HUMILITY** (Philippians 2:3). **PURITY** (I Timothy 4:12). **HONESTY** (Ephesians 4:25). **SELF-DISCIPLINE** (I Timothy 4:7, 8). **EXCELLENCE** (I Corinthians 9:24). **INTEGRITY** (Proverbs 10:9). **PERSEVERANCE** (Galatians 6:9).
 3. _____ → a transcendent cause. 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.

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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Most men in America today lack a rich, masculine memory because there are no manhood ceremonies. Instead of lasting impressions, there are no impressions—no powerful, internal portraits etched in memory that call to mind our passage to manhood, no indelible moments that shaped our masculine identity and now compel us to pursue authentic manhood.

Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Genesis 29:1-30 - 1 Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples. 2 There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large. 3 When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well. 4 Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?" "We're from Haran," they replied. 5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?" "Yes, we know him," they answered. 6 Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?" "Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep." 7 "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture." 8 "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep." 9 While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. 10 When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. 12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father. 13 As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood."</p>	<p>Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel</p> <p>14 After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, 15 Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be." 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. 18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her." 22 So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. 23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. 24 And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. 25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" 26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one." 27 Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." 28 And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. 29 Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. 30 Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.</p>
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"I Wish Grandpas Never Died" By Riley Green

<p>I wish girls you love never gave back diamond rings I wish every porch had a swing Wish kids still learn to say "sir" and "ma'am" How to shake a hand I wish every state had a Birmingham</p> <p>I wish everybody knew all the words to Mama Tried I wish Monday mornings felt just like Friday nights</p> <p>And I wish even cars had truck beds And every road was named Copperhead And coolers never ran out of cold _____ And I wish high school home teams never lost And back road drinking kids never got caught I wish the price of gas was low and cotton was high I wish honkytonks didn't have no closing time And I wish grandpas never died</p> <p>I wish Sundays on a creek bank would never end Wish I could learn to drive again I wish the first time, seventeen, she was my everything Kiss in a Chevrolet could happen every day I wish everybody overseas was gonna make it home</p>	<p>I wish Country music still got played on Country radio And I wish even cars had truck beds And every road was named Copperhead And coolers never run out of cold _____ And I wish high school home teams never lost And back road drinking kids never got caught I wish the price of gas was low and cotton was high I wish honkytonks didn't have no closing time And I wish grandpas never died Never died</p> <p>And I wish good dogs never got grey and old I wish farms never got sold</p> <p>And I wish even cars had truck beds And every road was named Copperhead And coolers never run out of cold _____ I wish high school home teams never lost And back road drinking kids never got caught I wish the price of gas was low and cotton was high I wish honkytonks didn't have no closing time And I wish grandpas never died I wish grandpas never died</p>
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