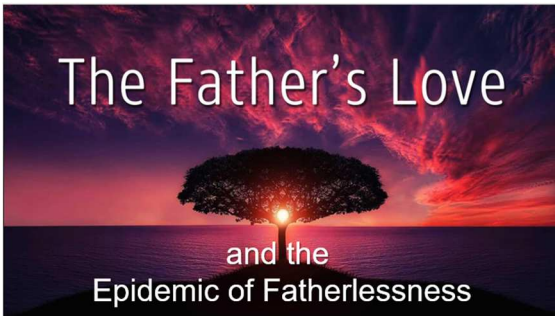


The Father's Love and the Epidemic of Fatherlessness
August 20, 2022

We appreciate our growing Hispanic population, and are working on setting up live translation of the messages. In honor of you ... [from Scott Hahn]



Benjamin Myers – I met this family at Messiah 22 Conference
Amazing ministry of father leading the family, but also geared to accommodate the father's absence by abandonment, jail, or death.



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Amala Ekponobi Unapologetic Jun 19, 2022

Almost a quarter of U.S. children live in single-parent homes, more than in any other country

Country	Percentage
Denmark	13%
UK	21%
Ireland	14%
Germany	12%
France	16%
Russia	18%
Mexico	7%
Mali	15%
Nigeria	4%
Sao Tome and Principe	19%
Uganda	10%
Kenya	16%
Japan	7%

[\[https://www.prageru.com/video/fix-fatherlessness-fix-america?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_4498877\]](https://www.prageru.com/video/fix-fatherlessness-fix-america?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_4498877)

We all come into the world helpless, dependent and needing acceptance, to be treated as worthy, and to be blessed. The father wound is the absence of this love from your birth father.
[\[https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/understanding-and-healing-the-father-wound\]](https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/understanding-and-healing-the-father-wound)



[<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/01/17/image-of-new-father-praying-over-his-newborn-baby-goes-viral/>]

posted on [Instagram](#) by the father in the photo, Victor Calmon son Ivan's birth in July 2018 in a Brazilian hospital nursery.

The 33-year-old first-time father: "To God I say, 'Thank you,' to my wife I say, 'I love you,' and to my son I say, 'Welcome!'"

The wound can be caused by:

Neglect – I am unimportant

Absence – Divorce, separation, death

Abuse – Mental, physical, sexual, spiritual

Control – Oppressive domination

Withholding – Love, blessings and/or affirmation, deficiencies that lead to a profound lack of self-acceptance.

[I personally experienced the first one in spades, with complications.]

The **effect** of a father wound is low self-esteem, a deep emotional pain inside and a performance orientation that makes us "doers" rather than "beings." While salvation makes us new creations in Messiah, it does not necessarily address this wound inside.

[<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/understanding-and-healing-the-father-wound/>]

¹Yn 1.7 If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of His Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

Considering how to "walk in the light" in THIS matter.

We tend to have four barriers that inhibit the healing of this wound:

The wound itself – Continuous emotional hurt inside

Lies – Misconceptions about the Self, birth father and Father God.

Pride – No will to confront or change, "I'm all right"

Sin – A blocked will that neither seeks to confess sin or receive forgiveness

[I'm OK, You're OK.

Jack Frost: I'm not OK and you're not OK, and it's OK.]

When we **hold** a conception of our birth father as angry, violent, uncaring, indifferent, distant/withdrawn, absent/abandoning, alcoholic, condemning and/or critical, we tend to believe the following words about ourselves:

- I am unworthy
- I am stupid
- I am incompetent
- I am unloved or unlovable

Often a person's image of God the Father is contaminated by the personal experience he or she has with the birth father. When misconceptions about God are present (i.e., that He is angry, judgmental, unhappy with me, fearsome, legalistic, quick to punish and slow to forgive . . .) the words we tend to believe are:

- I am not good enough
- I am guilty/shameful
- I must work harder to justify myself

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Commonly, men want to prove themselves. Has led to a catchphrase, "That's why women live longer than men." Need to prove myself, plus testosterone.



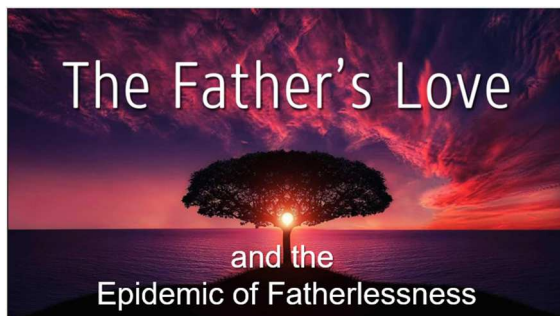
Lazy man's load
~Charlie Moutoux, Dawn's father

Shaunti Feldhan: "I then watched in disbelief as Jeff opened the minivan door and began gathering up one bag after another, then more, then more, and then moved to put the coffee maker box under his arm."

Why women live longer than men



[<https://static.boredpanda.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/men-safety-fails>]



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If we want to fix this deplorable situation, we need to identify **the cause**. That is, why it's so bad in this century. And that cause is Marxist ideology. Writing in "The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State," Marxist Frederick Engels made a bizarre claim about the

“world-historic defeat of the female sex” that arose as a result of women living ... within the nuclear family structure.

"You become a semi-nonperson when you get married."

Gloria Steinem born 1934, American feminist, political activist, and editor who was an articulate advocate of the women's liberation movement during the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

[<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Gloria-Steinem>]

At the 1918 First All-Russia Congress of Working Women, Vladimir Lenin played on women's sense of grievance to goad them into revolutionary activism: "The status of women up to now has been compared to that of a slave; women have been tied to the home, and only socialism can save them from this."

[<https://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/edward-e-bartlett/americas-epidemic-fatherlessness-didnt-happen-accident>]

**Former Pres.
Lyndon B.
Johnson makes
a call.**

(Photo credit:
Bettmann via Getty
Images)



The watershed event occurred in 1964 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Great Society bill into law. The act instructed the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to launch its infamous "**man-out-of-the-house**" rule that withheld benefits if the father resided in the home.

In 1996, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) reiterated that marriage consisted of one man and

one woman. The bipartisan legislation was passed overwhelmingly by both the House and the Senate. Congress was echoing the will of the American people. Thirty-one states, conservative and liberal, had already voted to reaffirm that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

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Fast forward to today. Recently, all 220 Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives along with 47 Republicans voted to repeal DOMA in support of codifying same-sex marriage into federal law (H.R. 8404).

President Biden ordered federal agencies to expand LGBTQ rights. His Department of Education then announced that Title IX, which was passed to protect women, will now be enforced to protect "gender identity" as well.

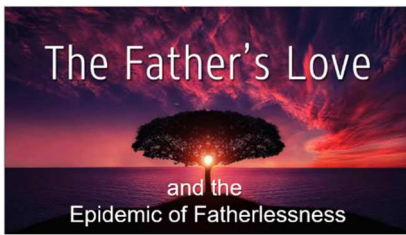
I pray that every believer will contact the U. S. Department of Education (Toll-Free Phone Number: 800-872-5327) to let them know to keep their hands off of Title IX. We don't want it to be corrupted by the extreme LGBTQ agenda!

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The purge continues to the present time. In March, President Biden approved Kayden's Law, which makes it easier to mothers to falsely accuse fathers of abuse, allowing moms to gain sole custody of their children. [<https://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/edward-e-bartlett/americas-epidemic-fatherlessness-didnt-happen-accident>]



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- Understanding the Father heart of God's love.

[Meditate on each one a bit ...]

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Eph. 3.14-17 For this reason I bow my knees **before the Father**— from Him every family in heaven and on earth receives its name. I pray that from His glorious riches He would grant you to be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Ruakh, so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you [would], being **rooted and grounded in love**.

Yer. 31.2 From afar ADONI appeared to me.” “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

1 Yn 3.1 See what love the Father has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! For that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it has not known him.

Mishlei/Prov 3.12 For ADONI loves those He reproveth, even as a father, the son in whom he delights.

Yn 10.17-18 “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, so that I may take it up again. No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father.”

Dvarim/Dt 7.7-8 “It is not because you are more numerous than all the peoples that ADONI **set His love on you and chose you**—for you are the least of all peoples. Rather, because of **His love for you** and His keeping the oath He swore to your fathers, ADONI brought you out.

Yn 14.21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me **will be loved by My Father**, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

Yn 15.9-10 “**Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you**. Abide in My love! If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and **abide in His love**.

Yn 16.27 For **the Father Himself loves you**, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from God.

Ro. 1.7 To all those in Rome, **loved by God**, called to be holy people: **Grace/lovingkindness to you** and shalom from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah!

Eph 6.23 Shalom to the brothers and sisters, and **trusting love from God the Father** and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

Ber./Gen.31.27-28 **Laban**: Why did you flee in secret and deceive me and not tell me? I would have sent you off with joy and singing to the music of tambourines and lyres. You didn't even let me kiss my sons and daughters good-bye! What a stupid thing to do!

Ber./Gen 37.34-35 **Ya'akov** tore his clothes and, putting sackcloth around his waist, mourned his son for many days. Though all his sons and daughters tried to comfort him, he refused all consolation, saying, “No, I will go down to the grave, to my son, mourning.” And his father wept for him.

2 Shmu 12. 15-16 Adoni struck the child that Uriyah's wife had borne to **David**, and it became very ill. **David** prayed to God on behalf of the child; David fasted, then came and lay all night on the ground.

Lk 15.20 ““And he got up and went to **his own father**. But while he was still far away, his father saw him and felt compassion. He ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Yhudah/Jude 1.1 Y'udah, a slave of Yeshua the Messiah and a brother of Ya'akov To: Those who have been called, **who are loved by God the Father** and kept for Yeshua the Messiah:

Baruch Burt testimony

There are three steps to addressing the father wound:

- Understanding the heart of God
- Inviting Yeshua into the wounds created by the birth father
- Accepting the truth about one's self as a child of God

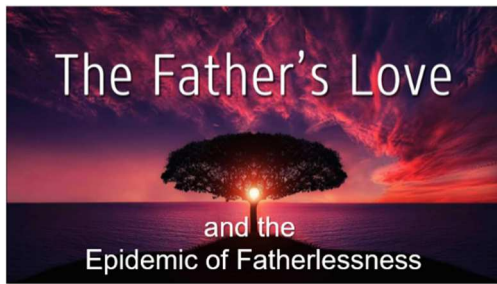
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The historic photo above shows 52,121 Bible believers from the marketplace who gathered in downtown Kansas City in 1923 to honor Messiah.

[<https://thesignatry.com/kcroots/>

The Spiritual Roots of Kansas City, p 92-93

[https://kcpray.com/what?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_1_3_2021_20_50_COPY_01\)](https://kcpray.com/what?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_1_3_2021_20_50_COPY_01))



Napoleon W Dible, 1842–1916, was well known in Kansas City as an architect, and his Tudor style houses still fill Ward Parkway and the Brookside and Waldo areas. [<https://metrovoicenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Dible.jpg>]

He had four basic floor plans, and his goal was to build affordable, well-built homes. [<https://metrovoicenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/tudor.jpeg>]

His company made their profit by selling homes at a low price but selling lots of them. Dible kept a tight rein on his business: “He called his salesmen after dinner each night for a daily report, asking each one, ‘What’s it going to be, steak or hot dogs?’” writes historian Susan Jezak Ford

[<https://metrovoicenews.com/the-believer-behind-the-charm-of-brookside-and-kansas-citys-largest-bible-study/>]



When the president of William Jewell College, Dr. David Jones Evans, stepped down from his presidency to pastor First Baptist Church of Kansas City, he recruited Dible to lead the Business Men’s Bible Class. Starting at just 35 members, Dible brought the class membership into the thousands.



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Dible carried this same dedication and ambition from his housing business into his service at his congregation.

Dible organized the study into a military model, with captains and lieutenants over groups of 50 and 100. He rallied men together to become the largest Bible study. One Sunday morning in 1923, over 52,000 men in suits flooded the streets of Kansas City with a banner over their heads that read, “Business Men’s Bible Class.” On the day of the event, seventy-five buglers rode through the city, sounding the call. The mayor of Independence came, as well as Missouri Governor Arthur Hyde.

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² Thes. 2.16 **Now may our Lord Yeshua the Messiah Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good deed and word.**

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua, and the Father’s LOVE, and assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another? [*Who are you discipling, building up?*]