

## **Dads: Leadership Is Needed**

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**Genesis 26:1-6; Joshua 24:14-15; Ephesians 5:28-33**

**Old Saying: Like Father**

**Like Son**

- I. We are influenced by the leaders in our life**
  - A. Our choices are influenced by the leaders in our life
  - B. The choices we make have lasting consequences
    - 1. Impacting for generations
    - 2. Impacting for eternity
- II. Joshua knew the principle of choosing:**
  - A. Who and what we choose to serve impacts:
    - 1. The moment
    - 2. The future (generations)
    - 3. Eternity
  - B. He asks who will it be that you serve
    - 1. The gods of your fathers (Baal)
  - C. Joshua is reminding the people
    - 1. God and Satan are fathers with children - 1 John 3:10
    - 2. It's your choice, choose wisely
- III. Jesus refers to God as our Father**
  - A. The God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob (Israel)

- B. Jesus refers to God as Father over 100 times
- C. When He teaches disciples how to pray, He says
  - 1. "Our Father"
  - 2. Foundation of serving God
    - a) Worship
    - b) Prayer
- D. Before we can ask, "What should I do?," ask, "Who is my Father?"
- E. We will reflect our Father
  - 1. We reflect who we belong to
- IV. Basic truths about all of us**
  - A. Every person has a physical father who has influenced us toward God or away from God
  - B. Every person has a spiritual father
    - 1. God
    - 2. Baal (Satan)
  - C. The world is divided into 2 camps
    - 1. Worship God or
    - 2. Worship someone else
    - 3. We all worship something
      - a) Private
      - b) Public
      - c) Choices made every day
- V. Who you serve, follow, and worship determines**
  - A. Life you live

- B. Legacy you leave
- C. Love you give
- D. Learning you receive
- E. Which determines the kind of person (parent/father) you are
- F. Which determines how you lead your family

**VI. If God's men don't seek to be leaders, Satan's men will**

- A. The goal as God's men is not to avoid sin
- B. But to walk with your Heavenly Father
  - 1. "Make" sure you stay close to Dad
- C. Worship is staying close to Dad
  - 1. The more we stay close
  - 2. The more we look like  
Messiah - Jesus - God in flesh

**VII. Joshua is challenging us to make a choice and be a leader. To lead, you must:**

- A. Begin with yourself
  - 1. Your belief
  - 2. Your state of mind
  - 3. Can't give away what you don't have
- B. Recognize you are an agent of change
- C. You are an extraordinary influencer
- D. You get to shape the next generation

**VIII. So what do leaders do?**

- A. Influence: To make better choices
- B. Inform: To make better choices
- C. Initiate change: Help people have breakthroughs

- D. Invite people to take life to a whole new level
  - 1. From where you are
  - 2. To where you want to be
- E. Invest - Truth and reality into others

**IX. What do leaders possess?**

- A. A strong conviction in their faith (in Messiah)
- B. Confidence
- C. Certainty
- D. Consistency
- E. Focus on the mission
- F. What you focus on determines the choices you make

**X. So men/fathers, who are you choosing?**

- A. Are you leading your family to God or away from God?
- B. Who are you most reflecting?
  - 1. God or Baal?
  - 2. Messiah or Satan?
- C. Whoever you choose will impact your children and your family for generations to come

**Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve  
As Far As Me And My House  
We Will Serve The Lord**