## Pastoral Notes

'Daddy do you love me?' Gen 25:19-21, 24-26 & 28.

Once again, we were blessed to have a day to recognize the real fathers who are dutiful and faithful when it comes to providing for and rearing their children in the fear and admonition of God.

Being a father is an awesome responsibility that has rewarding benefits. "Making a baby does not qualify you to be called a father any more than making a burger qualifies you to be called a chef." Real fathers positive examples of godly men showing godly love.

It is important that fathers be present in the lives of their children. We must be seen; as well as heard. It is also important that fathers be more loving in interactions with our children. Unlike many of our fathers, we need to be less 'heavy handed' and more 'heavy hearted'.

Lastly, men must take on the role of the priests in our homes. We must minister to our own families by demonstrating a life of prayer, praise,

## Key Sermonic Points

- 1. Fathers must be Present.
- 2. Fathers must be Pleasant
- 3. Fathers must be Priestly

provide a home for their children and are an integral part of their lives. Being a father is more than just making babies, it is 1. making time to spend with them, 2. making good decisions to help teach them & 3. making money to provide for them.

Without an active father in their life, kids have a void that the world tries to fill. The problem is that, the ways of the world are not the ways of God. When kids see ungodly men showing ungodly love, they assume it is ok and they perpetuate it. We need to show them more meditation and worship. When men pray, God opens doors. We must love our children as Christ loves us so they never have to ask us, or themselves, 'daddy do you love me'.

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Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- We must love our children equally and unequivocally
- We must love our children in spite of who they are, what they are, and how they are. Let God judge them, you just love them.
- God will always be a father to the fatherless and friend to the friendless