

PART FOUR: WHEN DADS WON'T LEAD

Connect Group Discussion Guide Sunday, May 28, 2023



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Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; 1 Samuel 2:12–36; 2 Samuel 13:21–29; Judges 14:1–5

ICE BREAKER

What is the funniest story your mother or father tells about you?

GOING DEEPER

- 1) In 1 Samuel 2:12-36, Eli chose to honor his sons higher than God by sweeping their sin under the rug. What are some ways that fathers may be tempted to do the same thing today?
- 2) Sometimes parents position themselves between God and their children by absorbing the blows that might have broken their will before God. What are some ways that you have seen parents do this?
- 3) Pastor Dave said, "God is so determined to do good in us that his plan is not altered very much by our tears." What do you think that means?
- 4) In 2 Samuel 13:21–29, David's inability to act as the priest and leader in his home engendered bitterness and resentment in his children. How does a lack of consistent, righteous, loving discipline in a home breed bitterness, resentment, and rebellion in children?
- 5) Samson never lived up to his full potential at least in part because his father was indulgent with Samson's whims. Why is learning delayed gratification so important for our children?

GOD'S TRUTH TO REMEMBER

Proverbs 13:24 (NIV) - Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

FOR FURTHER READING

The Difference a Father Makes by Ed Tandy McGlasson
The Man in the Mirror by Patrick Morley
You Have What it Takes by John Eldredge
Raising a Modern-Day Knight by Robert Lewis
Dads & Sons by Dr. James Dobson
Dads & Daughters by Dr. James Dobson
Be the Dad She Needs You to Be by Kevin Leman

PRAYER REQUESTS

(List prayer requests here so you can pray for them all week long.)

SERMON NOTES