

Fatherhood: Mission Imperative

“Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families (clans), by their fathers’ households, according to the number of names, every male, ^[b]head by head...” Numbers 1:2 AMP

“And everyone went to register for the census, each his own city.” Luke 2:3 AMP

MISSION - A specific task with which a person or a group is charged, assignment

IMPERATIVE - Vital, in need of attention or action

A father’s presence in the life of their child is an imperative mission.

A Fathers Presence Should Impart: Protection, Promises, Provision, Preparation, and Purpose

PROTECTION FROM THE WORLD

Noah - (Father of Shem, Ham and Japheth; Builder of the Ark)

Genesis 6-9 - Focus Verse: Genesis 7:23 NKJV

²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. **Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*.**

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM

- Predators
- Poisoners (Bad Influencers)
- Prohibitors (Dream Killers)

PROMISES OVER THEIR LIFE IN THE WORLD (BLESSINGS)

Abraham – (Father Of Isaac And Ishmael, Also Named The Father Of Many Nations By God)

Genesis 25:1-11 - Focus Verses: Gen. 25:5, 11 NKJV

25 Abraham again took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah. ² And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.

⁵ **And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.** ⁶ But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

⁷ This *is* the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years. ⁸ Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full *of years*, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, ¹⁰ the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife. ¹¹ **And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac.** And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.

3 PROMISES YOU SHOULD BESTOW UPON YOUR CHILDREN

- Prosperity
- Power
- Protection

PROVISION TO LIVE IN THE WORLD (FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

Prodigal Son's Father

Luke 15:11-32 - Focus Verses Luke 15: 12, 22 NKJV

¹Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with ¹⁴prodigal living. ¹⁴But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the ¹⁶pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '

²⁰"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²"But the father said to his servants, ²²"Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

²⁸"But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a

young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

³¹“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³²It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD FUND FINANCIALLY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Basic expenses

Bourgeoning dreams

Bountiful future

PREPARATION TO OPERATE IN THE WORLD (DEVELOPMENT OF GIFTS)

Joseph - (Jesus Earthly Father)

Luke 2:39 -52 – Focus Verses: Luke 2:41-42 NKJV

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the Child grew and became strong ⁱⁿ spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. ⁴¹His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And ⁱⁿ Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; ⁴⁴but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO OPERATE IN THE WORLD

- Discover their gifts
- Develop their gifts
- Deploy them to use their gifts

PURPOSE FOR THE WORLDLY JOURNEY (GUIDANCE TO FULFILL PURPOSE)

Moses - (Father Like Figure To The Children Of Israel)

Exodus 3:1-10 – Focus Verse: Exodus 3:10 NKJV

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. ³Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

⁴So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

⁵Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground.” ⁶Moreover He said, “I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

⁷And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their ⁸sorrows. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. ⁹Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

3 WAYS YOU CAN GUIDE YOUR CHILDREN ON THEIR PURPOSEFUL PATH

- Love them
- Lead them
- Launch them