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Message: The Power of a Father's Blessing

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Esau, hearing his father's words, sobbed violently and most bitterly, and cried to his father, "My father! Can't you also bless me?"

Genesis 27:34 (The Message)

The Power of a Father's Blessing (Genesis 27)

Be Physical

Then Isaac said, "Come close, son, and kiss me."

Genesis 27:26 (MSG)

Be Encouraging

He came close and kissed him and Isaac smelled the smell of his clothes. Finally, he blessed him...

Genesis 27:27a (MSG)

Be Involved

Be Humble

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

James 5:16 (MSG)

Be Fun

Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them.

Ephesians 6:4a (MSG)

Be an Example

Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

Ephesians 6:4b (MSG)

The Belmont Foundation

- 63%** of youth suicides are from fatherless homes — 5 times the average. (*U.S. Dept. of Health/Census*)
- 85%** of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes — 20 times the average. (*Center for Disease Control*)
- 80%** of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes — 14 times the average. (*Justice & Behavior, Vol. 14, pp. 403-26*)
- 71%** of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes — 9 times the average. (*National Principals Association Report*)
- 75%** of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes — 10 times the average. (*Rainbows for All God's Children*)
- 70%** of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes — 9 times the average. (*U.S. Dept. of Justice, Sept. 1988*)
- 85%** of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes — 20 times the average. (*Fulton Co. Georgia, Texas Dept. of Correction*)

Recommended Books:

To Own A Dragon by Donald Miller

The Blessing by Gary Smalley and John Trent

Wisdom of Our Fathers by Tim Russert