



Joe McDonald Ministry

Isaiah 6:8

The Evangelism Trail – Father’s Day Edition – June 2020

The book “Fathers Say: “In our society today we see the results of abusive and absentee fathers vividly played out. The one common denominator of many of society’s ills-pornography, human trafficking, abortion, rape, murder, alcoholism, teen suicide, and incarceration-can be traced to abusive and absentee fathers.”

Sixty-three percent of youth suicides are from father-less homes- 5 times the average (US Dept of Health and Human Services)

90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes-32 times the average. (The Garbage Generation by Daniel Amneus)

85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes-20 times the average. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes-14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior 14;403-26)

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes-9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

All the above come from abusive and fatherless homes...

Men who have abdicated their roles as fathers are the single greatest problem in society today...”

“Fathers” and “Fatherhood” are concepts with 1,932 direct references in the Old and New Testaments. Without a doubt, fatherhood has long been on the mind of God.

God established families before any other institution, even before the church...” (Jeff Rudd *Godly Dads*)

Fathers are the most important and necessary thing missing in our society today. An involved Father is the only person that can prevent these things from happening.

From the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation – “FACTS ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE

EVERY 26 SECONDS A CHILD DROPS OUT OF SCHOOL.

BEING SMART IS SEEN AS BEING WEAK BY THEIR PEERS.

8 OUT OF 10 DROPOUTS END UP IN PRISON.

LITTLE OR NO SUPPORT AT HOME.

75% OF ALL PRISON INMATES ARE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS.

THE LURE OF EASY MONEY ON THE STREETS.

FALLING BEHIND, POOR GRADES, FAILING SCHOOL.

THE U.S. SPENDS \$40 BILLION A YEAR ON PRISONER INCARCERATION.

MORE THAN 80% OF PRISON INMATES ARE ILLITERATE.

7,000 STUDENTS DROP OUT EVERY SCHOOL DAY - MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION EACH YEAR.

DROPOUTS FROM 2007 WILL COST THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN \$329 BILLION IN LOST WAGES, TAXES AND PRODUCTIVITY IN THEIR LIFETIMES.”

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This data is part of the introduction of “The Power of the Father’s Legacy” I use to try and motivate fathers to realize how important their role is not only to their offspring, but society as a whole.

I read somewhere, **“Truth occasionally hurts. But it is still the truth!”** Or as Winston Churchill said: **“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but they pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.”**

The evidence is overwhelming in my humble opinion. And these are just a few short data points I use, and I have seen many others that support this. Weak and absentee fathers are one of the biggest problems our young people are facing today.

Having taught *One Becoming a Father, the Power of the Father’s Legacy, the Power of the Father’s Words, the Power of the Father’s Blessing* in many places across North America, my own findings from reactions and conversations from participants, some only observers, support this. **“Truth occasionally hurts. But it is still the truth!”**

We have been blessed to offer this father training the past 18 months at The Mission of Hope here in Mobile and see God’s approach to fathers and fathering having an impact on men as they begin to restoring relationships with their children and families.

If you are a father, grandfather or hope to be a father someday, this applies to each of us. If as you read this, you may remember your late father. You may have experienced this lack of relationship with him, if so, then forgive him and get on with your life. If you are estranged from your children, just as soon as you finish reading this call them. If they do not answer then write to them with a pen and paper, text, or email. And continue with that every week until they begin to respond. When that happens, and it will, you can then start to earn your way back to be their father again. Do not give up, keep it up. Be the earthly father to your kids and grandkids that your heavenly father wants to be to you. All you must do is ask Him.

As we pray for “normal” to return so we can get back to work, we must be ready to respond to the new needs that seem to come daily. Take this time to study God’s word. One friend of mine stops people on the sidewalk of stores and other places and asks them if they are believers would they pray right there with him for our country and our leaders. He has experienced amazing results with this simple request when God puts him in contact with someone at anytime. Be ready *“in season and out of season.”*



The “Gospel Parade” float that presents the Gospel with art and music is ready to go. If you want to do something with an event, parade, party or anywhere people might gather, (church, school, neighborhood party, parade) it is ready and quite an attention getter. Let us know if you hear of parades that are rescheduled so we can sign up and participate. If you want to participate with us, just let us know.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your continued financial and prayer support for the ministry and the work we will be doing again, soon. Pray for our business owners and churches that this interruption of lives will end in a positive manner in the next few weeks. We love you and pray for you daily.

Have a great Father’s Day with your Dad!



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