

God's Design for Men and Women
What Went Wrong?
Genesis 3:1-19

Introduction

1. What kind of fathers do men want to be?
 - I am convinced we all want to be great fathers.
2. Yet, the truth is we come up short of the desired goal. We say and do things we swore we would never say or do. Why? What went wrong?
 - The answer is as old as time. It all dates back to the first parents: Adam and Eve.

The Message

1. What went wrong?

- a. Adam and Eve engaged in conflict with God. Vs. 1-7
- b. Adam and Eve engaged in conflict with one another. Vs. 7-12
- c. Adam and Eve experienced conflict among their children. 4:1-8
- d. Adam and Eve's children experienced conflict in society. 4:13-16

2. How can we make it right?

- a. Be reconciled to God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:6-11
- b. Live in harmony in your marriage by recognizing the source of your conflicts: your selfish. Js. 4:1-4
- c. Teach your children how to say four important things. Eph. 4:32
 - I was wrong. - Please forgive me.
 - I am sorry. - You are forgiven!
- d. Be the peacemaker in society that Christ commissioned you to be. Mt. 5:9

The Challenge

1. There is no such thing as the PERFECT father or mother because we all deal with the devastating results of sin in our lives.
2. What can we do?
 - a. Make peace with God by faith in Christ.
 - b. Make peace with one another by the grace God gives us.
3. Make this a Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day Thoughts

There is nothing that moves a loving father's soul quite like his child's cry. - Joni Eareckson Tada

It has been said that as goes the family so goes the world. It can also be said that as goes the father, so goes the family. - Voddie T. Baucham, Jr.

When a father gives to his son, both laugh. When a son gives to his father, both cry. - William Shakespeare

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give to another person: he believed in me. - Coach Jim Valvano

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."
- Harmon Killebrew

It's a great joy but no test of love or commitment to take your son to a ball game. You really prove your credentials as a good dad when you are willing to take your daughter shopping - more than once. - Michael Josephson

Being a great father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today, you have to do it again tomorrow.
- Reed Markham

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7