

Fathers Podcast 13 Gratitude Part 2

Podcast Highlights

-Your relationship with God can be direct reflection of your relationship with your father. Depending on your role model you may not have an example of how God is a great father.

-You need to forgive your father past negative experiences so you can move on.

-Think about specific memories from the past. Acknowledge the specific situations that you experienced. Blame your father or whomever and then forgive them. It's okay to blame...but you need to move on.

-Bring God into it and ask him for help in forgiving him. This will probably take more than once or twice.

-You have to choose to forgive so you can become free. With forgiveness comes freedom. That freedom enables gratitude and a deeper relationship with God.

-It's okay to be angry with God. All of God's champions got angry with God. He's okay with you yelling at him. He's eager to engage us however.

Thinking/Conversation Starters

-How was your relationship with your father/father figure growing up? How is it now?

-How has your relationship with your father affected your relationship with God?

-How might forgiveness set you free?

Action Step

-Start to process through any negative experiences you had as child are try to start forgiving the people involved. This is not a short or easy process but starting on it and involving God will eventually bring you to a place of freedom.

There are eternal consequences to the seemingly inconsequential.

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