

- Read and reflect on the direction of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:5-9. Think about times or activities when you can follow this invitation. Now pray for God to bring his presence to your family in these moments. Lastly decide when and how you will take a step to live this out in your family.

- Read Titus 2:11-15 and Matthew 28:20. As you reflect on these two passages, what actions, or directions in your life do you need to bring to God in order that you may have a renewed direction to walk in him and with him?

- What practical steps do you want to take this week to take interact with and experience the presence of God more in your spiritual journey as a family?

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Fatherhood: Mission Possible

Ephesians 5:25

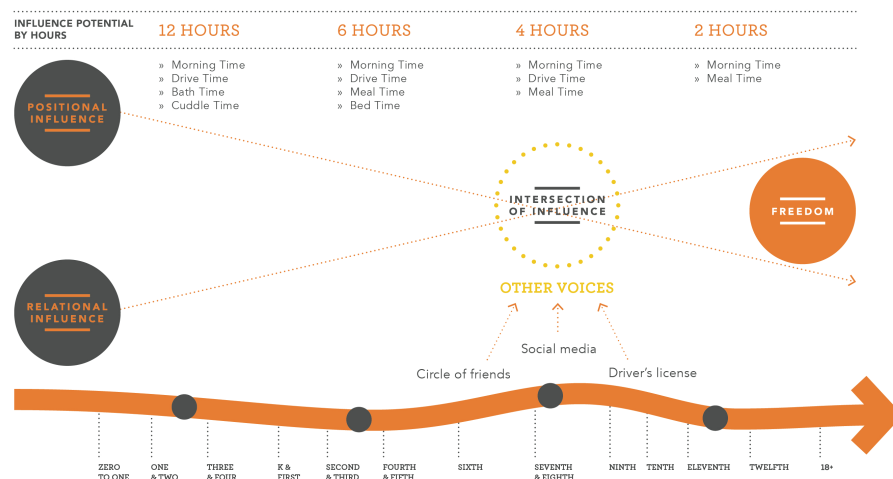
We are all on the gospel journey towards connection and restoration through relationship with our heavenly Father. An earthly father's influence plays a pivotal role in how that process comes to life in a family.

Two Types of Influence

_____ - Seeking influence from the posture of your position.

_____ - Seeking to influence from a posture of relationship.

PARENTAL INFLUENCE



“Parenting can put us into a fog, rendering many of us in survival mode, ready to pronounce any day in which everyone makes it to bedtime alive as a raging success. But we know in our hearts that more is required of us than survival. We cannot afford to simply make it through the day. Those survival days have a way of turning into weeks, and into months and years. Before we know it, opportunities to point our children toward faith in meaningful ways have fallen to the wayside in favor of just getting by.” Jen Wilkin

Three Ways To Complete The Mission Of Influence

1. Intentional _____.

This type of influential presence starts with _____.

_____ our families rescues us from building the wrong kingdom.

A rhythm of intentional _____ drives us towards relational influence and presence.

2. Intentional _____.

The presence we bring to our families starts with the _____ and formation of our own hearts.

We are being formed when what we believe is knit together with how we _____.

This is about taking steps towards God _____.

3. Intentional _____.

This starts with God's vision for _____.

We live this out together _____ by God's presence and promise.

- Embrace God's _____ to influence your family
- _____ your vision of your presence and influence
- Celebrate that God is _____ something in you and through you.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. As you reflect on your family in this current season, what comes to mind? Are you joyful, excited, weary, tired? Take this to God in prayer for yourself and for your family.
3. Which posture of influence do you find yourself in most often? Do you influence your family from a posture of parental/positional influence or from a posture of relational influence?
4. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul offers specific instructions for how we can live intentionally according to what we know and believe about God. Read Ephesians 1:17-19 and spend a moment embracing the power he has indwelt within you to walk faithfully with him as you influence your family.