

Be a Man

Father's Day Sermon

1 Corinthians 16:13

Introduction

- Children learn to become men and women largely based upon the man and woman their parents were (this was God's intention).
- God has given Fathers the awesome responsibility of training their children to be men and women of God.
- We are in a spiritual warfare and need to armoring ourselves and our children (Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-20).

Swift as a Coursing River

- Flowing with Purpose
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25
 - 1 Samuel 3:12-14
- Sometimes to be swift in one area we must be slow in another (James 2:19-20; 2 Peter 3:9).
- A river has purpose it flows in the direction of the ocean (final destination).
- A Father must be showing his children the way to heaven around the bends and curves of life (Heb. 12:1-3; 13:7).
- *The righteous who walks in his integrity-blessed are his children after him (Proverbs 20:7 ESV).*

With All the Force of a Great Typhon

- When they make their mind up about something, nothing gets in their way. Nothing gets in the way of a typhoon.
- They are true to their word and fulfill their promises.
- Discipline is involved in the work of a father (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; Ephesians 6:4)
- This discipline is not done in anger and wrath but with the understanding of helping your child to be the man/woman he/she is supposed to be in they eyes of God (Col. 3:21; Prov. 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17).
- Discipline is more than just acting when the child does wrong but being proactive in their training for serving in the Lord's Army (Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 22:6)

Strength of a Raging Fire

- A raging fire is not easily put out. The same way fathers do not easily give up and need to have patience and endurance to endure hardships (Isaiah 54:8)
- Not just physical strength but emotional and Spiritual strength which comes from the Lord (Ephesians 6:10; 2 Corinthians 12:9).
- They are meek (Matthew 5:5; Galatians 5:23)
- *“Just as a Father has compassion on his children, SO the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:13).*

Application

- **Psalms 127:3-5** *Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.*
- For one to be a great father it takes one to purpose their mind towards it, to have dedication, patience, discipline, humility, strength, love, affection, and most importantly a prayer life.