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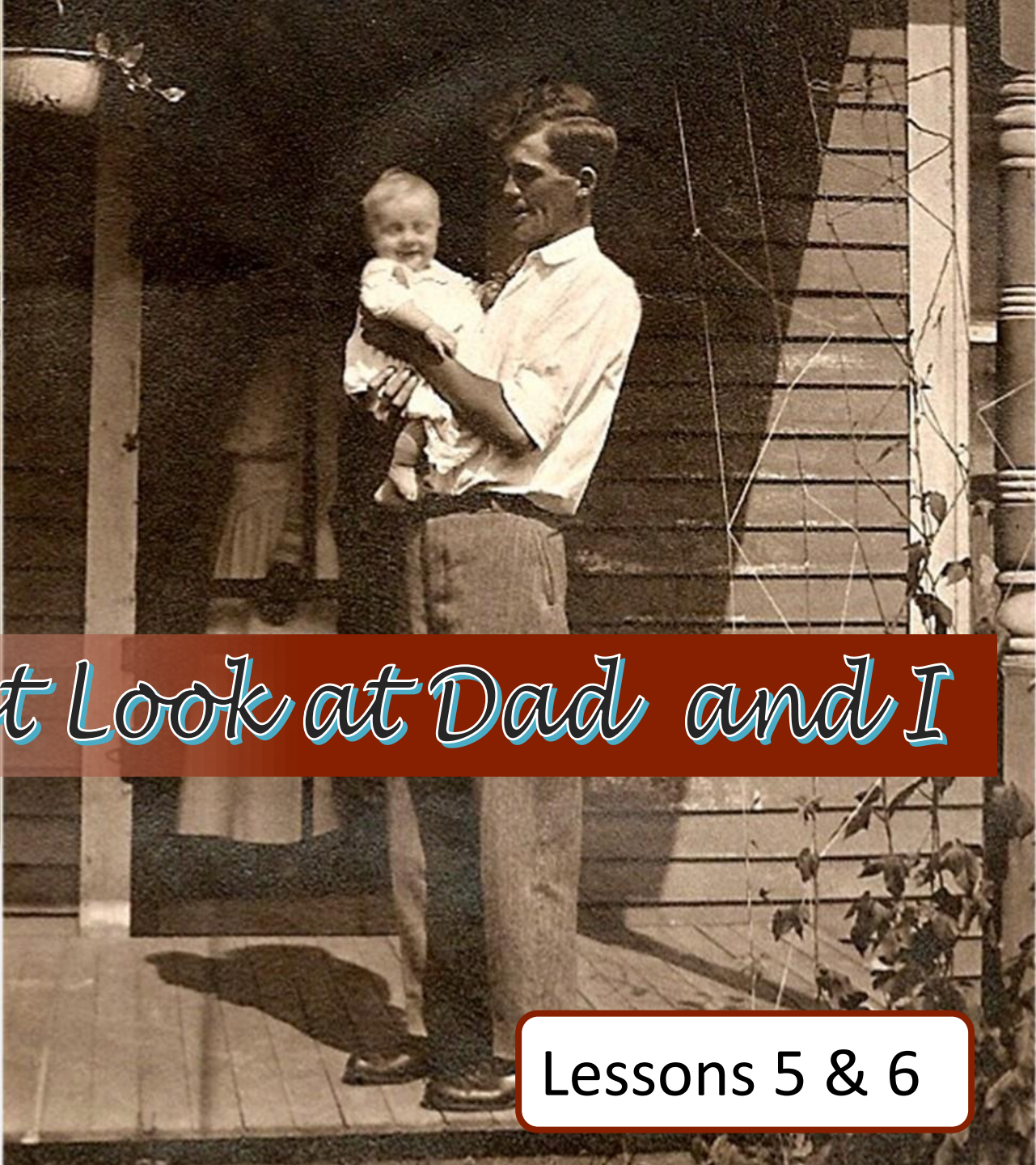


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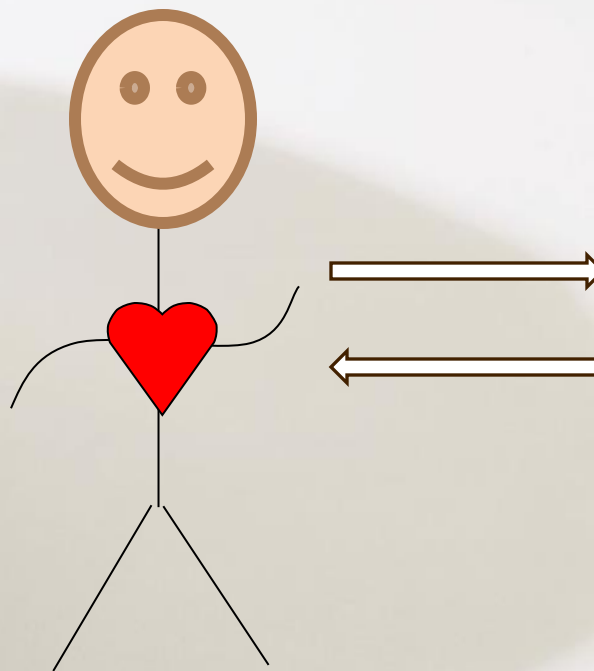
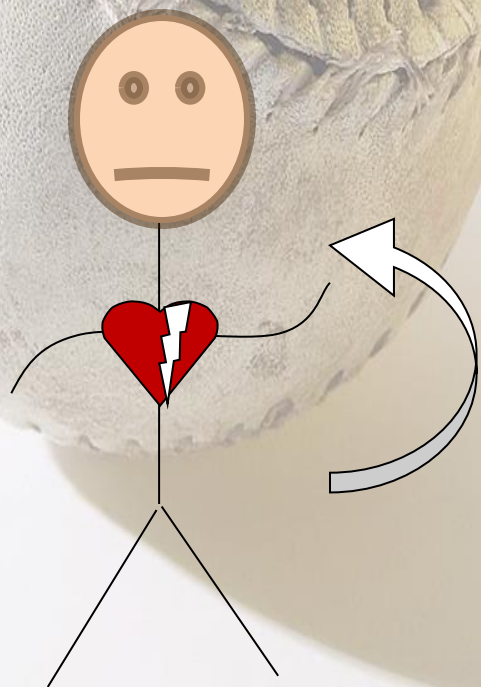
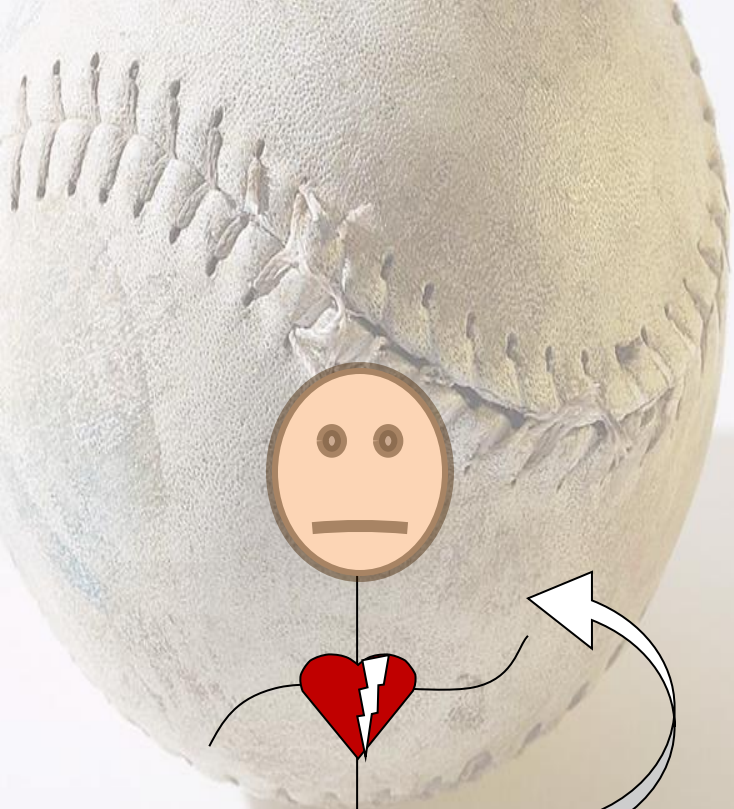
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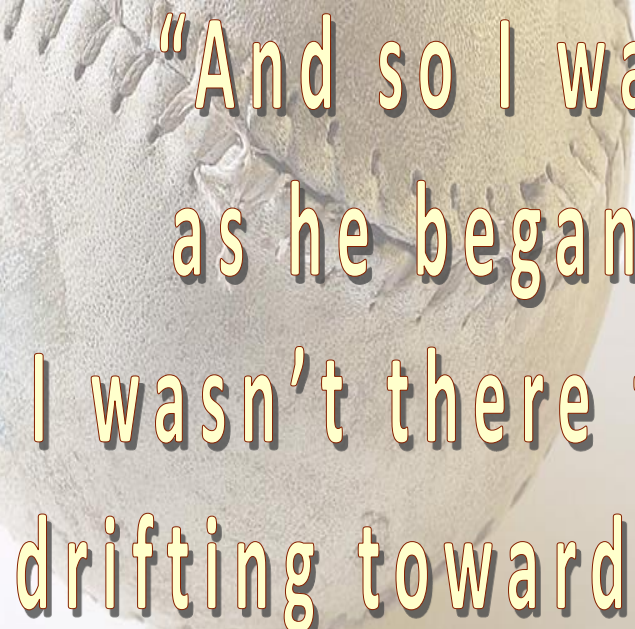
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An Honest Look at Dad and I

Lessons 5 & 6

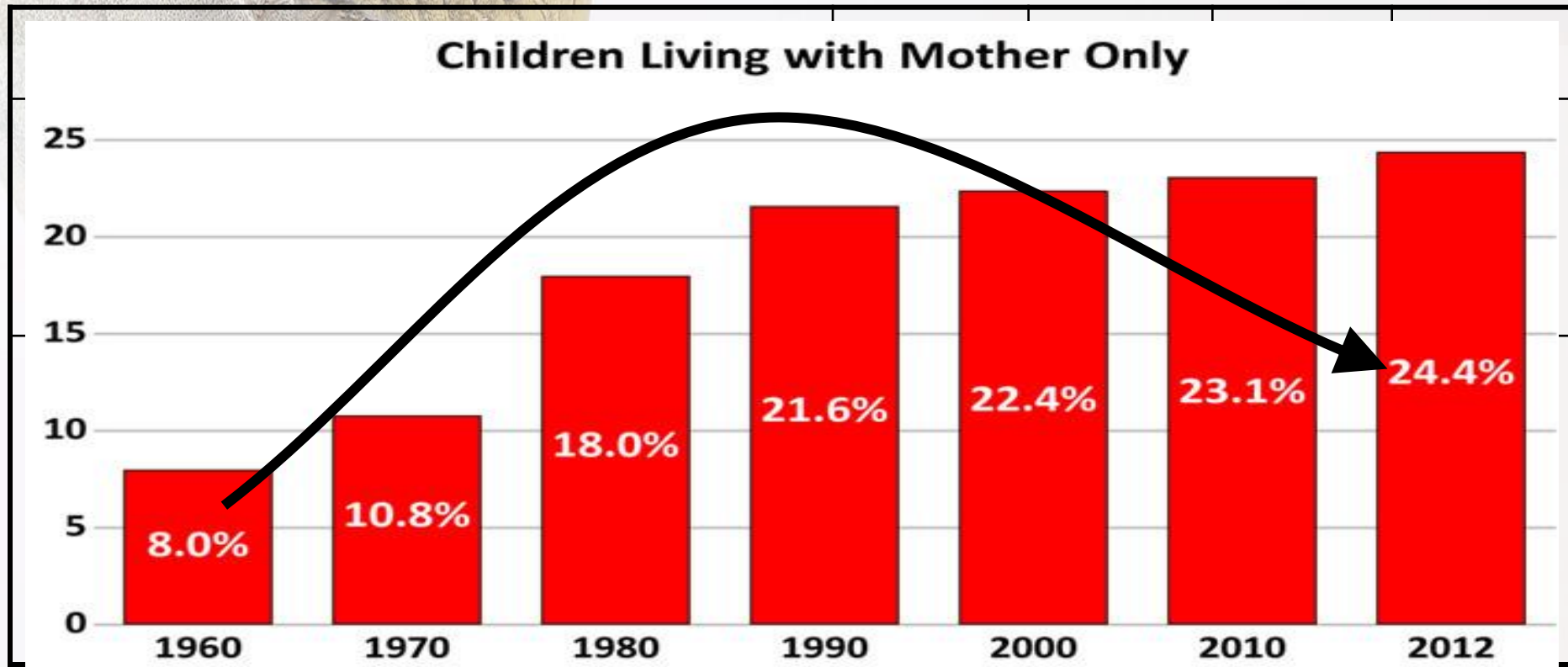




"And so I wasn't there to see him
as he began to sink into himself.
I wasn't there to sense that he might be
drifting toward that unimaginable realm
of fantasy and isolation that it would
take nearly 30 years to recognize."

Lionel Dahmer - A Father's Story

An Honest Look at Dad and I





An Honest Look at Dad and I

*The glory of sons
is their father*

Proverbs 1 7: 6



An Honest Look at Dad and I

Wound

Any unresolved issue where lack of closure adversely impacts and shapes the direction and dynamics of a man's life now.



Remembering Dad

II. *The Absent Father Wound*

A. An on-going emotional, social or spiritual deficit ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad that must now be overcome by other means.



An Honest Look at Dad and I

II. The Absent Father Wound

B. *A quick exercise:*

Write down three words (or phrases) in remembering Dad



An Honest Look at Dad and I

II. The Absent Father Wound

C. Results of the Absent Father Wound

1. Anger and pain



An Honest Look at Dad and I

And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4



Remembering Dad

**Fathers, do not provoke your
children, lest they lose heart.**

Colossians 3:21

An Honest Look at Dad and I

II. The Absent Father Wound

C. Results of the Absent Father Wound

1. Anger and pain
2. Extreme behavior and addictions or obsessions
3. An inner sense of lostness or incompleteness
4. Homosexuality



Remembering Dad

III. Sons wants and needs...

A. Time together

B. Life Skills

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An Honest Look at Dad and I

*Train up a child in the
way he should go; even
when he is old he will not
depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



Remembering Dad

III. Sons wants and needs...

A. Time together

B. Life Skills

C. Directions with solid “Why” answers



An Honest Look at Dad and I

And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them to your sons 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 up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

An Honest Look at Dad and I

III. Sons wants and needs...

A. Time together

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C. Directions with solid “Why” answers

D. Convictions through modeling



An Honest Look at Dad and I

You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children.

I Thessalonians 2:10-11

An Honest Look at Dad and I

III. Sons wants and needs...

A. Time together

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C. Directions with solid “Why” answers

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E. Dad's heart

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An Honest Look at Dad and I

*This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well-
pleased;
listen to Him!*

Matthew 17:5



An Honest Look at Dad and I

Questions for Your Small Group

An Honest Look at Dad and I

Facing the Father Wound

A. We are in the process of seeking to make sense of why we are the way we are.

1. Each of us has a story to tell.
2. Each of us is, to some degree, a product of the past.
3. Each of us is, in some ways, controlled by the past until we consciously and willfully choose to break that control.



Father Wound

B. We are exploring the first of five major wounds in life that shape us.

THE FATHER WOUND:

An on-going emotional, social or spiritual deficit ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad that must now be overcome by other means.



Father Wound

C. This wound is being inflicted upon sons at epidemic levels today.



Father Wound

"The damage caused by a father's absence may be severe and may last a lifetime. It is a shadow. The longing of sons for their fathers is almost physical, something passionate, profound ...

It is often mysterious to sons what it is they want from their fathers. But I have seen it in other men and see it in my sons - their longing for me."

Lance Morrow



Father Wound

And he will restore the hearts of the
fathers to their children and the
hearts of the children to their fathers
lest I (God) come and smite the land
with a curse

Malachi 4:6



Father Wound

A. If you are a Dad... make sure your son has "the essentials."

It is difficult to be a FATHER
until you have first
become a SON

Father Wound

A. If you are a Dad... make sure your son has "the essentials."

MAKE SURE HE HEARS ...	MAKE SURE HE HAS ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I LOVE YOU" (affection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A MANHOOD VISION ... <i>and a manhood ceremony that seals it</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "YOU'RE MINE" (belonging)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A CODE OF CONDUCT ... <i>that <u>you</u> live by</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I'M PROUD OF YOU" (admiration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A TRANSCENDENT CAUSE ... <i>something to live for other and greater than himself</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "YOU'RE GOOD" (affirmation)	

Father Wound

- A. If you are a Dad... make sure your son has "the essentials."
- B. If you're a Dad... it's never too late to "close the gap" with your son, no matter how old.
- C. If you're a Dad separated from your son physically for whatever reason, or a Dad who has never connected emotionally with your son, seek help and a sound strategy.



Father Wound

D. If you're a son wounded by Dad... choose to touch this wound responsibly.

1. By choosing to forgive Dad. (#8)



Father Wound

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers
to discipline us ...
for they disciplined us for a short
time
as seemed best to them,
but He (God) disciplines
us for our good.

Hebrews 12:9-10



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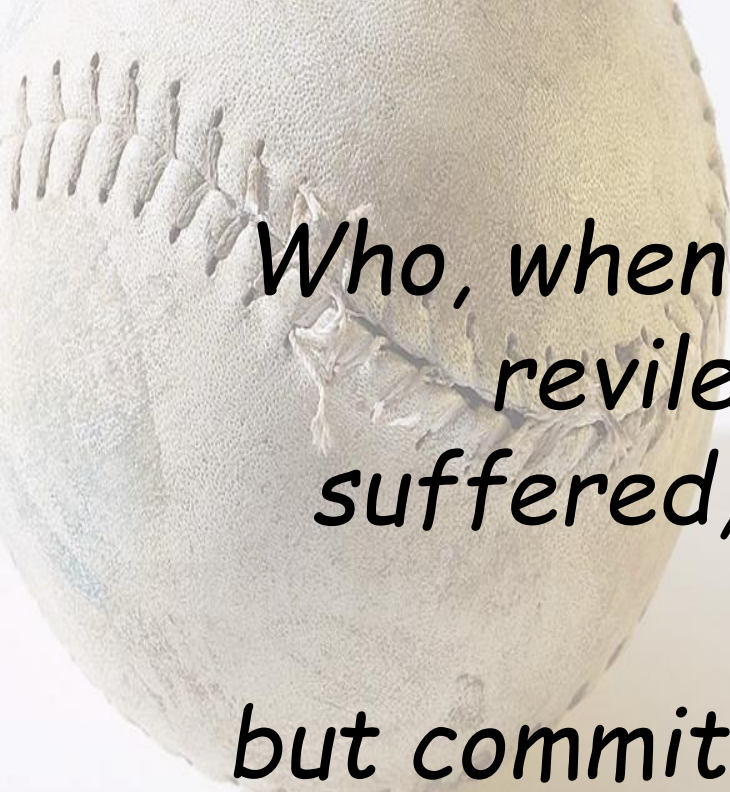
1. By choosing to forgive Dad.
2. By choosing to believe in God's justice.



Father Wound

Never take your own revenge,
beloved, but leave room for the
wrath of God, for it is written,
"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"
says the Lord.

Romans 12:19



*Who, when He was reviled, did not
revile in return; when He
suffered, He did not retaliate,*

*but committed Himself to Him who
judges righteously*

1 Peter 2:23

Father Wound

E. If you're a son wounded by Dad... courageously seek reconciliation with your father.

1. There may be a separation between you and Dad that springs from Dad's relational shortcomings. Don't let that stop you!
2. There may be a separation between you and Dad that springs from past conflict. You need to clean it up!



Father Wound

F. If you're a son wounded by Dad... risk asking for your father's love.

G. If you are a son wounded by Dad... risk asking for your father's blessing.

H. If you are a son wounded by Dad... reclaim the relationship you missed by becoming a good Dad to your children.



Having a CORRECT view of FATHER
to heal a Father Wound

1 John 3:1

***How great is the love the Father
has lavished on us, that we should
be called children of God! And
that is what we are!***