

CONNECTING THE MISSING LINKS IN A FATHERLESS GENERATION



...rejoice before him—His Name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, He leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. Psalms 68:4-6

Image us all, the highest of His creation under angels. We are a miraculous display of His Glory and splendor far superior than all His galaxies. Even more amazing to enable us the gift joy of reproduction to replenish the earth with children in our image. We too can experience the same joy our Heavenly Father has been experiencing worldwide.

Yet every birth is only the beginning for Fathers. **We immediately enter the arena of experiencing God's emotions seeking to raise His children to love Him back completely in obedience with all their hearts.**

A FATHER'S FAILURE LINKING TO HIS FAITHFUL HEAVENLY FATHER

I grew up poor. I didn't know which way to go in life with an "in and out" Father. With 11 children 6 children from two mothers, oldest brother committed suicide in prison. At 17 I start working at Church's Chicken. I got my girlfriend pregnant at 18. When the baby was born at 19, it didn't work out **"like you said"**! We messed around for a whole year. I went to Cartersville, GA and left my first baby's mother and had 4 children with a second mother who was gay. Just followed my parent's example. I did go to a Methodist church regularly but always in trouble acting out and up!

I was out there trying to be something that I wasn't, but I cannot fake it. You have to be exactly who you are or you are not a OK man. We stayed together 11 years. That freaked me out that she was with another woman. It was good times and bad times, but we broke up when I turned 30. The whole deal I was trying to find myself. A fighting battle in myself. I kept going from woman to woman. The last woman I thought she was the one not knowing she had 6 children. I ended up getting her pregnant. Next thing I see she was not what she claimed to be!

As beautiful as this picture appears, this broken world has an increasing breakdown of fathers getting what they wanted illegally. Then off to search for another high in selfish greed of idolatry in fornication. **Who pays the price? Children of course.** 57% of the babies born to Millennials are being born to unmarried mothers. Now 15 million single-mother families in the US. Single-parent families headed by women of color rank worse on the poverty scale. 90% of homeless single mothers have been victims of abuse, as per the single parent statistics. Above all mortality rate of single fathers (5.8 per 1000 person-years) was notably higher than that of single mothers.

My brother and her got into it trying to shoot her. He tried to shoot me. We both ended up going to jail. They arrested us both and charged him with assert and charged me with aggravated assault, and cruelty to children which I did not do. I got out of prison after three years. It was not my fault but the other dudes played like it was a game. It's nothing fun about prison and missing your family. I got out of prison September 8, 2020. The upside of everything after I got out of prison and moved over here to **Metro Extended Stay** in North Decatur.

One day coming from the store I met David there in Decatur. That changed my life drastically. When I saw him it was very drastic. I never knew a person that you do not know that change your life. I love Mr. David. I love so much to meet a man with truth. In Christ along my life was turned to the right instead of to the left. I appreciate everything now. Never met a dude like him that really just stepped out on faith. That freaks me out because of everybody else I talk to, he really covered everything. Christ alone could has rescued me.

James G.

James is taking some major steps of recovery to be a responsible Father, yet it is a long journey of recovery ahead!! Please pray for him.