

WAR DEPARTMENT
BASIC TRAINING
 The Alert Soldier

SECURE IN THE FATHER'S ARMS

"God holds fathers accountable to have faith for their children." Derek Prince



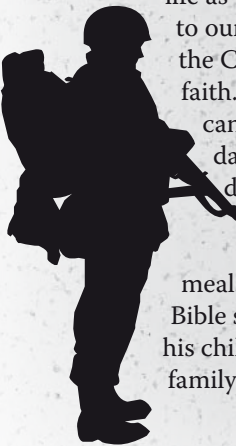
WARM UP

A man and his young son were climbing a mountain. They came to a place where the climbing was difficult and even dangerous. The father stopped to consider which way he should go. He heard the boy behind him say, "Choose the good path Dad. I'm coming right behind you". As fathers we pave the way for our children to follow.

BACKGROUND READ Deuteronomy 11:19

This scripture is a reinforcement of Deuteronomy 6:6. The love of God is to be the central and absorbing interest in life. It is important that we translate it into everyday

life as we pass on to our children the Christian faith. A father can furnish his daily life with devotional customs, grace at meals, regular Bible study with his children and family prayer.



QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. In today's world, men have lost the art of leadership in their families. How can we reclaim this?

2. What have you found to work for you in sharing the faith with your children? Share examples of this in your group.

CONSIDER THIS

Boys growing up without fathers are:

- 5 times more likely to commit suicide
- 14 times more likely to commit rape
- 9 times more likely to drop out of high school
- 10 times more likely to abuse chemicals
- 20 times more likely to end up in prison

In addition:

- 85% of all children who exhibit behavioural disorders come from fatherless homes
 - 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes
- Fatherless Sons, Rex McCarn page 66

3. Do you say grace in your family? What sort of grace and how did you establish this?

4. Why in 1 Timothy 3:5 are we told that a man cannot lead in the church if he cannot manage his own family?

WRAP-UP Discuss what was the most exciting event you and your father shared. What is the best thing you have done with your children?



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

What things will I put in action to help my children grow spiritually?