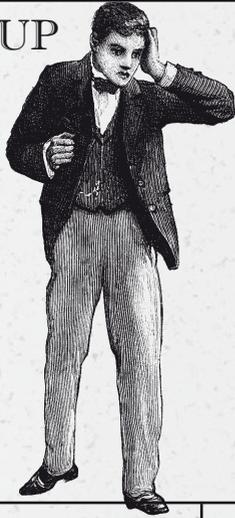


LEAD THE WAY

“The Lord honours the father in his children”

WARM UP



When I was a small boy we would often visit my grandparents who lived nine miles away. One night a thick fog settled over the hilly countryside, I was terrified and said “Shouldn’t we go slower?” Mother said gently, “Don’t worry. Your Father knows the way.” Now often when I can’t see the road of life, I have felt that familiar panic rising in my heart I have heard the echo of my mother’s voice: Don’t worry. Your Father knows the way.

BACKGROUND

In the story of the lost son, the fathers response is contrasted to the older brother’s response. The father forgave because he was filled with love. The older son refused to forgive because he was bitter about the injustice. His bitterness rendered him just as lost as his younger brother to his fathers love.

READ LUKE 15:11-31

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. In today’s world the trust of fathers has taken a battering, how can we change this?

2. Who is your real Father?

3. How does your relationship with your Father in heaven effect you being a good father.

4. Discuss this statement. “The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother.”

CONSIDER THIS

If a child comes to Christ first there is 3.5% chance the family will follow.

If the mum is the first to come to Christ there is a 17% chance the family will follow.

If the dad is the first to come to Christ there is a 93% chance the family will follow.

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WRAP-UP

Discuss what life was like when you were a child and what it is like for children today and as men how can we help.



IT’S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will look closely at my diary and see how I can spend more time with my children or grandchildren.

I will see how I can be more involved in family life.