Fathers Serving God

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INTRODUCTION

- There are not a lot of good fathers in the Bible. There are not a lot of good fathers for us as men today to look at and imitate and model our lives after.
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord.
- It's not easy being a father trying to lead his family to serve God.

1 Noah: A Model of Obedience

Genesis 6:22; 2 Peter 2:5

- Thus Noah did. He did according to all, not some. All that God had commanded him, so he did.
- Despite living in a world where people probably mocked him and laughed at him and ridiculed him and even called him crazy as they saw him building that ark, Noah still obeyed God.
- Preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness with seven others when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.
- The greatest sermon he ever preached during that time was the sermon of his life. It was a sermon of his obedience to God and his devotion to God.
- Like Noah, I can be a model of obedience to my children.
- I also have to live it every single day in front of them. I got to practice it. I gotta be a model of obedience and show them by my actions what it means to be a real Christian.

2 Abraham Taught His Son How to Worship

Genesis 18:19; Genesis 22:6–8

- For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice.
- Abraham said, God will provide for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.
- One thing we can see very clearly is Abraham taught his son how to worship.
- As a father today, I can teach my children how to worship God.
- Teaching my children how to worship God is one of the most important things I could ever teach them.
- Through worship is how they develop a relationship with God.

3 Job Prioritized Spiritual Things

Job 1:1–5

- That man was blameless upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.
- For Job said, Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. Thus Job did continually.

- Even though there's so much on his schedule on a daily basis, he still gets up early in the morning and he does spiritual things for his family.
- Job was a father who served God because he prioritized spiritual things.
- As a father in 2026, I can lead my family to serve God by prioritizing spiritual things.

4 Jonadab Set a High Standard

2 Kings 10; Jeremiah 35:12–19

- Because you've obeyed the commandment of Jonadab, your father, kept all his commands, and done according to all that he has commanded you.
- Jonadab, the son of Rechab, should not lack a man to stand before me always.
- Notice how the text tells us that his descendants are still serving God. They're still being faithful to the teachings of their father.
- Jonadab was a father who set a high standard for his family.
- He taught them how to rise above the evil and corrupt world in which they lived.
- As a father in 2026, like Jonadab, as I live in a wicked and depraved world, I can set a high standard for my family.

THE CHALLENGE

Speaking of serving God, are you serving God this morning? Are you serving God?

MY NOTES