

Chapter 1 : Fatherless Generation: Redeeming the Story by John Sowers

63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) - 5 times the average. 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes - 32 times the average. 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes - 20 times the average.

I recently recorded my thoughts on the fatherless generation we face and the issues surrounding this breakdown of the family. I have posted the following video to Youtube and will soon be uploading it to Minds. Here is a rough transcription of the video. I was inspired to do this video by two things that happened recently in my life. Firstly I saw the Temuera Morrison ad which you have probably been spammed with on Youtube. Secondly by the news that my Dad is back in Prison. So i want to sit down and have a more candid conversation about this message. And 20x more likely to end up in jail. These stats may be from America but here in New Zealand just like with our obesity rates we are not far behind! We can blame this exodus of fathers on a multitude of things just as we can with any social problem we face today. The War on women, war on men, this besiegement of the traditional family. The lack of consequences of having children these days, the introduction of the welfare states, the war on drugs, the stupidity of jail time for victimless crime, the destruction of honour culture among men. All of these are contributing factors. I know here in NZ Child poverty is a huge topic of discussion. With our birthrates declining, national debt, ageing population that on top of the welfare states we have created is going to cripple our future generations financially. To be honest I think it is foolish to rely on our governments to solve this. They do not care for your family and your future. It will not be solved by milking the teat of our welfare states. It will not be solved by praising broken families and worshipping single mothers as angels. Men this will not be solved if you do not take personal responsibility for your actions. This epidemic is something that I believe will only be solved on a grassroots level. From the ground up. I grew up fatherless, with my dad incarcerated. In my generation I am not the minority. Here in NZ during the census This is a message I am passionate about. So to the men out there be aware, future fathers. We have no history, no purpose or place. If this does resonate with you. It may piss you off. It may be a hard pill to swallow or maybe a refreshing breath of air. There are no victims in life. Not to get into a motivational spiel but Our challenges are not our own, everyone goes through their own trials. You get through your struggles to show others that they too can overcome their own. Focus on the control you have on your own life. You are responsible for your life. And guess what you cannot blame your Dad for all of your problems, I could blame my Dad for never being there for me, for being a criminal, for being in and out of prison my whole life but I would also have to blame him for the strength and the Independence he gave me. No you are a man, you are woman, you a person, you are responsible. That pain that you have felt all these years. Turn it into fire, into passion, into motivation to better yourself and overcome your obstacles. Adversary is the best thing in life as it allows you to grow and learn. And by god you have faced adversary from a young age. I am by no means trying to force life advice down your throat being only 22 myself. But I know specific mindset changes have had a profoundly positive experience in my own life and I know that they will in yours.

Chapter 2 : The Fatherless Generation – Rational Faith

The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc. It is our mission to reunite fatherless children with their biological fathers all while providing the resources & services that strengthen, support, and elevate a commitment to fatherhood and family values.

James Robison Although many live with an orphan mentality, God the Father intends to restore us to a sense of home Statistics show that 34 percent of American children live apart from their fathers, and half of all children will be fatherless at some point during childhood. I grew up without a father figure, but at a young age God took me under His wing. By His power, I escaped many negative effects of fatherlessness but still bore some scars. In the garden, Adam and Eve enjoyed intimate fellowship with their Father and lived under His care. Then the deceiver enticed them. The children bought the lie and forfeited the relationship. They were suddenly afraid of their Father and foolishly tried to cover their shame with mere fig leaves. This was the first futile attempt on the part of fallen man to deal with the sinful, adverse effect of being deceived by the father of lies. Get Spirit-filled content delivered right to your inbox! Click here to subscribe to our newsletter. God the Father immediately put a plan in motion to restore mankind to intimate fellowship with Himself. He set out to establish a family of faith through whom He could bless the nations of the world. These chosen children of God would reveal the heavenly Father to fallen humanity. Ever since the fall, the enemy has continually sought to deceive people. Many have chosen to live as orphans without knowing a personal relationship with the only perfect Father. As a result, failure to know the Father has led to fatherless families and nations. Just like Israel in the Old Testament, America is seeking the wrong solution to a serious dilemma. Fatherless people keep asking for a king because, as with Israel, everyone is doing what is right in their own sight. What we all need is the King Jesus, who will show us the Father. No religion, ritual, tradition or idol can substitute for this King. But there is no substitute for Father God. In the same chapter, He tells us that if God cares for the birds of the air and lilies of the field, He will surely care for those who choose to be His children rather than live as orphans. Many churches are filled with people who have an orphan mentality. The Father in heaven loves us so much that He gave His own Son to redeem us. He calls us by name! I personally understand the negative effects of fatherlessness. Being born of a forced sexual relationship to a single woman and living without a father did damage to me as a boy and as a human being. All the efforts to fill that vacuum with any source other than a relationship with God were in vain. When I gave my life to Jesus, He redeemed me, and I began moving from an orphan mentality to understanding what it means to be a child of God, my loving Father. When you put Jesus in charge, you will be fatherless no more. He grew up without a father but discovered the joy of knowing his heavenly Father at age 12. In ministry for 50 years, James has written numerous books, including his latest, God of All Creation, which celebrates his love for pets and wildlife. To read his weekly commentaries, visit jamesrobison. Help Charisma stay strong for years to come as we report on life in the Spirit. Click here to keep us strong!

Chapter 3 : The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc. - Home

The Moments That Make Us Who We Are. Life provides turning points of many kinds, but the most powerful of all may be character-revealing moments.

Cape Town - This is a piece that I have been yearning to write for quite a while now; however, the personal and emotional connection I have with this topic denied me of one of my Fundamental Human Rights. In fact, to be completely honest, I infringed upon my own Freedom of Expression simply because I feared the inevitable vulnerability that would prevail in the words of this article. I accept my reality; but that does not mean I should remain silent. I concede that I am emotionally Fatherless to a point of no return, but perhaps my voice may still change the circumstances of those with hope. We are the Fatherless Generation. The title is bold and perhaps even offensive to some readers. In , only 33 percent of children lived with both parents. From the remaining 67 percent of children, 39 percent lived with their mothers, only 4 percent with their fathers, 8 percent with other family members, 0. These statistics represent the reality of our nation. Statistics aside, the absence of fathers is all around us. It has become the norm to be surprised when an acquaintance tells you that their parents are still married or when meeting couples that have been married for the seemingly impossible 10 years and more. Upon further analysis of my own surroundings, many of my friends of various cultures, races and backgrounds live in a single-parent household – the majority with their mothers. There are many reasons for this fatherless generation, namely divorce, lack of interest in the upbringing of a child, mistakes in conception, and deaths, to name a few. Note this is not a condemnation of actions, but a cry for change from broken sons and daughters. I do acknowledge that in certain cases, mothers are to blame; however, as statistics and reality prove, fathers are absent. While I sometimes understand the various reasons for this fatherless generation, some cases are simply unacceptable and I need you to realise this. Fathers, you need to realise that your decisions affect the people around you. When you demonstrate a passionate willingness to engage in our conception, and then simply flee when your sexual acts produce another being; are you proud of yourself? Do you understand the physical pain that our mothers endured during conception and the emotional void that your actions caused? When you engage in acts of infidelity, do you understand that you not only diminish the self-worth of our mothers but you also destroy the human value of your children? Your hobbies reveal your thoughts towards your family. Are we not good enough for you? Does our collective happiness not fill any void that may exist in your heart? Are you pleased with yourself? When your colleagues, documents and money become your new family, do you realise the psychological effect this has on us? Do you realise that by placing your desire for power and wealth above your family, you will achieve your goals but there will be no one to rejoice with you? When we dwell in the same household but you treat us as if we are not of value and not deserving of love, do you even begin to comprehend that your daughters and sons become accustomed to this treatment? I can only hope that these scenarios impact your future words, actions and decisions. Dear Fathers, please come back if there is still hope. And if you have been present, be both physically and emotionally present. Your actions and the actions of our mothers shape the future generation of thought leaders. You cannot simply be a sperm donor. You are part of our DNA. Dear Daughters and Sons, Brothers and Sisters, please realise that although we are part of a fatherless generation, we should never undermine our self-worth. Regardless of the circumstances, we should continue to uphold our own human dignity and worth. Understand that although we are affected by devastating family events, we are not our parents. We carry within us the ability to strengthen ourselves and live in a manner we are pleased with. Yes, I do not have a decent relationship with my father. Yes, at many stages in my life I devalued my self-worth. Yes, for a certain period I viewed men in a negative light. However, I refuse to allow these events to cloud my judgment and control my life. For despite their absences we are still here. Still alive, still breathing with the power to change this world, one little boy and girl at a time. Do not allow your future children to share your experiences. Recognise the inherent value in all humanity. And continue to love. She requested that her real name be withheld.

Chapter 4 : The Fatherless Generation

The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc. is reuniting fatherless children with their biological fathers all while providing the resources and services that strengthen, support, and elevate a commitment to fatherhood and family values.

Some will forever look in the mirror and see themselves as broken. Others will break the mirror and say to hell with it all, who needs a father anyway? Neither approach works too well. As the world turns, a war rages inside. Everyone knows the statistics, and there are few in this book that anyone will find shocking. Pretending that he loves him. And in America alone, millions are starving to death. To live with father hunger is to live with the sadness of what will never be Someone has chosen to leave you. Someone has determined your value and decided you are not worth having around -- or that he would be better off someplace else, without you. And there is this, too: Confused, we grope in the dark for meaning, purpose, and hope. Alone, we hide behind machine and computer screen, projecting voiceless signals out into the oblivion. We grasp for anything that feels like acceptance but we are too afraid to open our hearts and embrace it for ourselves. Perhaps you did as well. But this is not a book without hope. If anything, it may be a bit too cheerily simplistic, resting the solution squarely on the backs of mentors and Christians. And so the setup for rejection is already in place, abandonment almost guaranteed. Sowers suggests that how we view our earthly father is how we view our Heavenly Father. How can one love you unconditionally and the other walk away? How can the Father that rules the Heavens allow His earthly stand-ins to be so thoughtless, so cruel? As a Christian, I understand that. Sowers proposes that the church is in a perfect position to train and unleash an army of mentors and father figures, and he may be right. Schools could serve this same purpose. In truth, any man who sees a child struggling or who sees the gleam that says, "I adore you. I want to be just like you. I wish you were my father," -- that man, too, is in a position to either be another who walks away or the one who chooses to walk the path that his predecessor eschewed. If you grew up without a father in the home, you will possibly recognize yourself in this book. I can tell you this: The answers you seek -- the answers I seek -- are not here. As you might expect from the foreword by Donald Miller, there is a pervasive emphasis on theology, with a Protestant slant. Overall, it felt a bit shallow, a bit repetitive, a bit too morally heavy-handed, a bit too glib, but anyone willing to put forth any type of effort to solve this nationwide crisis should be commended. John Sowers targets the issue of fatherlessness and thoroughly exposes it as a growing epidemic that exists so widely in our Present Day that its alarming effects, though not always immediately detectable, are deeply impacting the our culture in ways that are detrimental to its healthy survival. The book is divided into two sections, in which Sowers establishes the issue of fatherlessness as a valid threat to culture, and then proposes a strategic and effect In his book *Fatherless Generation*, Dr. The book is divided into two sections, in which Sowers establishes the issue of fatherlessness as a valid threat to culture, and then proposes a strategic and effective way to address the issue and effectually reverse the negative trends that fatherlessness yields. Sowers spends the first section of his book bringing the issue up-close and personal to his readers by delving into his own personal experiences and reflections on fatherlessness without too greatly narrowing the focus of the issue at large. He wastes no time establishing fatherlessness as a documented and recognizable contributor to a number of dangerous cultural and societal trends such as teen suicide and gang violence by including several statistical studies from a variety of sources. By the end of the first section, Sowers successfully presents a clear bridge that connects the path of fatherlessness toward a number of the negative trends mentioned in statistics. Throughout the pages of the first half of the book Sowers makes it clear that there is no shortage of perfect examples of each of the trends and tendencies that can befall fatherless youth. He illustrates several trends with descriptive true-life accounts of from pro athletes, celebrities and everyday people who grew up fatherless and responded in the negative ways that he touches on. But what makes his arguments so powerful is that Sowers is able to relay to his readers a very potent and emotionally descriptive account of the conditions and internal issues of fatherless youth through his own personal accounts growing up without a father and how it shaped the course of his life. We grasp for anything that feels like acceptance but are too afraid to open our hearts and embrace it for ourselves. We are a generation displaced. A refugee generation,

shuffling from one shelter to the next in search of belonging. We are a generation that desperately wants to be found, a generation that desperately wants to be home. The foundational premise of his proposed solution is twofold, and states that the wounds that are left from growing up without a strong father figure can only be wholly healed by the God of the Bible, and that men, primarily men of the Church, have a responsibility to come alongside the fatherless through "intentional, intergenerational mentoring" relationships to provide both support and a clear path to the healing that comes from the God and a right understanding of God. Sowers develops his proposal in the context of The Mentoring Project, and mentoring organization in Portland, Oregon, of which he is president. The organization defines the mentoring relationship as "an intentional relationship with the goal of seeing the mentee grow and mature into a complete adult. By drawing on biblical references and specific accounts from The Mentoring Project, Sowers explains how identity and healing can be found in the blessings of God, as displayed in Scripture and as lived out in a community of supportive relationships. He argues ultimately that the answer to addressing the fatherless epidemic lies in the stepping out of men "who will pour their lives tirelessly into the lives of others. He also provides a very logical and convincing case that fatherlessness is a deeply personal relationship issue that is only successfully addressed in the context of deeply personal relationships. He does not at any point condone cultivating a sense of passive victimization, but, in the case of either a victim or one desiring to help, encourages a noble call to seek out help or to be that help respectively. The book is engaging, compelling and a valuable asset to anyone looking to be a part of redeeming stories and reversing the effects of fatherlessness.

Chapter 5 : Fatherless Generation: Redeeming the Story - John Sowers - Google Books

The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc. shares this side of our reunites because we want our audience to understand reunification works however it is not always perfect. TFGF has an 87% success.

These numbers specifically apply to the biological father, but the majority of second marriages and live-in arrangements do not result in the male forming a parental bond with the child. The data is clear, and only becoming more so as we gather more information: The point of this sermon is not to address why this has become such a problem, though that question is of profound importance. The point of this lesson is to highlight the profound importance of the problem and suggest that the Biblical model of fatherhood is a possible source of valuable insight. The Bible continually links the role of the father to one primary, fundamental job: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. There are many ways to instruct, but discipline is the first and most visceral. As the final authority in the family, the father presides over the administration and measure of discipline, even if he himself is not always the one meting it out in the moment. The Hebrew author discusses this intrinsic link between fathers and discipline when he discusses our Heavenly fatherâ€ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Indeed, there is a broad spectrum of fatherly discipline, from the unnecessary to the lax and everything in between. Paul taught about going too far in discipline: Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. We want to discipline our children, but not discourage them. But notice the importance of the discipline in the Hebrew letter: This is the central point: In this axiom we see the root of all the numbers we started this lesson with: Paul applied this to himself as a father, even though he never had children of his own: I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. We started with a bunch of very saddening statistics, and it would be easy to despair. Why is this happening, and what can we do about it? Fathers, if you are not disciplining your children or if you are leaving it entirely to your wives you are harming your children! Parents, do you want to raise warped children? The easiest, most efficient way is to just let them do whatever they want without consequence. But there are also several warnings to children in the things we have read. There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers. There are those who are clean in their own eyes but are not washed of their filth. To curse your father is to be covered in filth! Behold, the princes of Israel in you, every one according to his power, have been bent on shedding blood. Father and mother are treated with contempt in you; the sojourner suffers extortion in your midst; the fatherless and the widow are wronged in you. The role of father should not be diminished, it should be honored! Children, you need to understand: It is a sign that your parents care! Are they going to do it perfectly? But the alternative is a much more damaging prospect. This lessening of fatherly impact is in part but not entirely the result of a move away from discipline. Is There Any Hope? Now there was a Jew in Susa the citadel whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, son of Shimei, son of Kish, a Benjaminite, who had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away. He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. As you read the book, it becomes apparent that Mordecai was a large part of her success. He became her father through a loving choice. Time and again in the book of Esther, when she has questions or concerns, who does she turn to? Where does she go for guidance? From where does she draw her strength? He became her father through choice and dedication. Mordecai serves as an example to all

of the power of second fathers. You have taken up a responsibility that is unmatched in the kingdom of God, a work the effects of which will be felt for generations. You are heroes in every sense of the word! I know there are several in this congregation that have taken up this mantle: Without the willingness of men like you to step in and fill this profound need, the church would be far lesser. And we all can learn from you! Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. We can in some ways view all the older men in this group as our fathers, in a similar but not entirely the same way as Paul, talking about the Corinthians. We must do a better job of forming mentoring bonds between the generations in this church family. Younger members of this body, look around you: But we have to be humble enough to step outside ourselves and take on more than we maybe want to handle. Ultimately, God wants to fill this role for each of us, even those of us who still have our earthly fathers. Our fathers will fail and they will let us down, but God is a father who will never let us down and never disappoint us. He wants to be the Father who will supply our every need: Does that mean there will sometimes be some uncomfortable discipline? I sure hope so, for that is how we grow and learn! But along with that discipline will come the truest, most complete sense of belonging and peace that we will ever experience on this earth.

Chapter 6 : Founder & CEO - The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc.

I recently recorded my thoughts on the fatherless generation we face and the issues surrounding this breakdown of the family. I have posted the following video to Youtube and will soon be uploading it to racedaydvl.com (a new social media site based around free speech): [].

Children with Fathers who are involved are more likely to enjoy school and engage in extracurricular activities. Youths who never had a father in the household experienced the highest odds. Approximately forty-six percent of jail inmates in had a previously incarcerated family member. One-fifth experienced a father in prison or jail. Father Factor in Crime – A study of juvenile offenders indicated that family structure significantly predicts delinquency. Adolescents, particularly boys, in single-parent families were at higher risk of status, property and person delinquencies. Moreover, students attending schools with a high proportion of children of single parents are also at risk. A study of 13, women in prison showed that more than half grew up without their father. Forty-two percent grew up in a single-mother household and sixteen percent lived with neither parent Father Factor in Child Abuse – Compared to living with both parents, living in a single-parent home doubles the risk that a child will suffer physical, emotional, or educational neglect. The overall rate of child abuse and neglect in single-parent households is Adolescent girls raised in a 2 parent home with involved Fathers are significantly less likely to be sexually active than girls raised without involved Fathers. Estimated number of fathers across the nation Number of fathers who are part of married-couple families with their own children under the age of Among these fathers – 22 percent are raising three or more of their own children under 18 years old among married-couple family households only. Number of single fathers, up from , in Currently, among single parents living with their children, 18 percent are men. Among these fathers – 8 percent are raising three or more of their own children under 18 years old. The percentages of those divorced and never married are not significantly different from one another. This brief provides ten key lessons from several important early responsible fatherhood initiatives that were developed and implemented during the s and early s. While the following statistics are formidable, the Responsible Fatherhood research literature generally supports the claim that a loving and nurturing father improves outcomes for children, families and communities. Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers. Studies on parent-child relationships and child wellbeing show that father love is an important factor in predicting the social, emotional, and cognitive development and functioning of children and young adults. Nearly 20 million children 27 percent live in single-parent homes. Fathers who live with their children are more likely to have a close, enduring relationship with their children than those who do not. Compared to children born within marriage, children born to cohabiting parents are three times as likely to experience father absence, and children born to unmarried, non-cohabiting parents are four times as likely to live in a father-absent home. Children who live absent their biological fathers are, on average, at least two to three times more likely to be poor, to use drugs, to experience educational, health, emotional and behavioral problems, to be victims of child abuse, and to engage in criminal behavior than their peers who live with their married, biological or adoptive parents. From to , the proportion of children living in single-parent homes slightly declined, while the proportion of children living with two married parents remained stable.

Chapter 7 : The Fatherless Generation by Jeremy Dorrough on Prezi

The Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. K likes. "Reuniting the Fatherless. Reconciling Families."

The story of fatherlessness is written into the heart of our generation. It is heard in our songs, seen in our movies, read in our blogs. It is a story of shame, loneliness, and rejection. A story of missed potential and wasted opportunity. A story that desperately needs to be heard. But fatherlessness is more than a personal tragedy. It is a growing epidemic. Fatherlessness is a driving force behind gangs, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, and suicide. And all too often, the fatherless are either marginalized or ignored. In *Fatherless Generation*, Dr. How can the faith community begin rewriting this tragic story? Written for those who are fatherless themselves and those concerned with social justice, *Fatherless Generation* uses culture, statistics, and testimonies to remind us that it is possible for a generation to find healing. Drawing on years of research and personal experience, Dr. Sowers shows us that intentional, intergenerational mentoring is the key to a new story of hope. It is in relationship that this generation has been wounded and it is in relationship that healing must begin. Mentoring is the most strategic way to reconcile our generation with God. Weaving in his own experience of fatherlessness, Dr. Sowers eloquently presents the desperate reality of fatherlessness in our culture and how awareness and compassion offer a solution of hope. A hope that will write new stories for generations to come. *Redeeming the Story* John Sowers gives us an account of the devastating effects of fatherlessness and how we can stop it. Some parts of the story are being told by the children growing up in fatherless homes, while other parts of the story are being told

Chapter 8 : Fixing the Fatherless Generation | The Jim Bakker Show

Dr. Torri J. Evans-Barton discusses some of the challenges TFGF has faced as an organization.

Chapter 9 : Fatherless Statistics for the United States | Fatherhood Factor

A fatherless generation of orphans goes through the early years of life feeling rejected and devoid of meaning. Such orphans may turn to sex in an effort to find love.