Guy's Ministry: Restoring Manhood, Breaking the Fatherless Cycle

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INTRODUCTION

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PICTURE OF A FATHERLESS GENERATION

“Daddy Issues”

Father-Wound

An ongoing PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL or SPIRITUAL DEFICIT that would ordinarily be met in a HEALTHY relationship with Dad, but Wasn’t, so now it must be overcome by OTHER MEANS.
PICTURE OF A FATHERLESS GENERATION

A. A MICRO View:

1. ANGER, RAGE and PAIN
2. EXTREME BEHAVIOR
3. A sense of LOSTNESS
4. A search for LOVE, APPROVAL and SIGNIFICANCE
5. IDENTITY CONFUSION
As a result of these realities, kids are forced to **LIVE WITHOUT** the very things God intended for their parents to provide at home:

**B. LIVING WITHOUT...**

1. Discipline  
2. Identity  
3. Approval  
4. Strength  
5. An Anchor  
6. A Source of Wisdom  
7. Resources  
8. Security  
9. Protection  
10. Standards
WHAT KIDS NEED

A. FOUR THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS FROM THEIR FATHER:

1. **TIME TOGETHER** with dad...building memories.

2. **DEMONSTRATION** of dad’s heart; hearing dad say: “I love you” in words, deeds and lifestyle.

3. **DIRECTION** from dad with solid “why?” answers for understanding life.

4. **CONVICTIONS** that come primarily through **MODELING**. Modeling integrity, faithfulness, humility and what you believe.

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WHAT KIDS NEED

B. FOUR THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS THEIR FATHER:

1. A LEADER
2. A MENTOR
3. A WARRIOR
4. A TRUE FRIEND

What can your youth ministry do to meet these needs through alternative means?
BRIDGING THE GAP

A. UNDERSTANDING GOD’S RESPONSE TO THE FATHERLESS

1. GOD’S HEART FOR THE FATHERLESS:
   
a. II Corinthians 6:18
   “I will be a FATHER to you and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

b. Psalm 68:5
   “A FATHER to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling place.”

c. Deuteronomy 10: 17-18
   “The Lord your God…defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.”

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A. UNDERSTANDING GOD’S RESPONSE TO THE FATHERLESS

2. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A HEART FOR THE FATHERLESS:
   a. James 1:27
      “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: To look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”
   b. Dueteronomy 27:19
      “Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow.”
   c. Zechariah 7:10
      “Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor.”
B. UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLE IN THE LIVES OF FATHERLESS YOUTH

1. THE BASICS:

   a. Learn to **LISTEN**.

   b. Take the **TIME**.

   c. Speak the **TRUTH** in **LOVE**.

   d. **TELL THEM** They Are Loved.
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B. UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLE IN THE LIVES OF FATHERLESS YOUTH

2. HELPING YOUTH OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THEIR FATHER-WOUND:

a. Share about the Father’s **POWER to HEAL** their inner hurts, guilt and loneliness.

b. **DEFINE** what it means to be a man for the guys in your ministry.

c. **ENVISION** them toward their future family and **CHALLENGE** them.

d. Help youth to **FACE** their father-wound issues.

e. Envision youth to **ACCEPT** what they **CANNOT CHANGE** for their own personal healing, health and development.

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C. CREATING A YOUTH PROGRAM THAT Responds TO THE NEEDS OF FATHERLESS YOUTH

1. **BUILD** a Youth Ministry **TEAM** that **CARES** about kids.

2. Create **SAFE** huddles of **COMMUNITY** (small groups) where guys can process the pain-filled areas of their lives, and be discipled in Jesus. See [http://dkit.uywi.org](http://dkit.uywi.org)

3. Help to **CONNECT** youth with positive male role models and mentors in the church.

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4. **CREATE** on-going “GUYS-ONLY” events or “**MANHOOD** weekends” for the young men in your ministry.

5. **ATTEND** a Men’s Retreat with the dads and sons in your group and include adult role models/mentors for the guys in your group without dads.

6. **INVITE** a **SINGLE MOM** to your youth leader/volunteer team meeting and have her share what she needs most from the church and/or youth ministry.

7. Create and **SPONSOR** a **RITES of PASSAGE** ceremony for young men to transition into healthy adulthood.

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8. Help youth know their **IDENTITY** in Christ as sons of God. Google “Bible verses about our identity in Christ”

9. Invite **MARRIED COUPLES** to visit your youth ministry to tell their story of marriage and family. Encourage them to invite kids to their home so that they can witness a healthy, whole family unit.

10. **PRAY** over the guys in your ministry and speak vision and affirmation into their lives.
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RESOURCES

• UYWI’s Manhood Camp, August 2nd-3rd, Biola University
• UYWI’s FREE Discipleship Toolkit Curriculum.
• Every Young Man’s Battle, Arterburn, Stoeker with Yorkey (2002), Water Books Press, Colorado
• Raising a Modern Day Knight – Robert Lewis
• The Resolution for Men – Kendrick / Alcorn
• UnCommon Manhood – Tony Dungy
• Move Like a King: Jumps on the Journey to Manhood – Dr Bobby Manning
• Saving our Sons: Effectively Engaging Young Men of Color – Dr Bobby Manning
• 99 Things Every Guy Should Know - Wallace, Hammer and McCage
• Antwone Fisher Movie/Film

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