

Father's Day
The Role of Fathers
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Introduction - Our God reveals how important fatherhood really is.

I. The Fatherhood **CRISIS**

- 1 in 4 families of children in the U.S. have one parent at home: 11,667,000 in 2017
- 81.4% of the time is with the mother
- Many men desert their children
- Being a father brings delight and **CHALLENGE**

II. The Privilege of Being God's Child - Romans 8:14-19

- Being led by God's Spirit is **VOLUNTARY**
- **SURRENDER** to God isn't slavery
- God chose you to adopt - Ephesians 1:4
- He desires **INTIMACY** - Romans 5:5
- We become heirs/ **PROVISION** - 1 John 5: 14-15
- He is present **ALWAYS**/ good and bad times - Matthew 28:20b
- He prepared a glorious future - 1 Corinthians 2:9

III. The Privilege of Being a Father

- Be a father like God is to us:
 - Lead **GENTLY**
 - Avoid causing fear/ **EXASPERATING** - Ephesians 6:4
 - Choose to stay
 - Be intimate/ **INVOLVED**

- Provide for them
- Go through good and bad times
- Be **LOYAL** to them and prepare for their future without you

Conclusion - **POINT** them to Jesus; He will always be there for them.