

Being an Encourager

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A. Introduction

+ Current Culture Issue: Fatherless Homes some statistics say this is the cause of,

- .High crimes, especially with young boys,

- . Break down in family's' structure

+Men are important, no matter what the culture or media tries to say

+ We as Christian men and fathers have an opportunity to be an encourager in our society

B. What I want to share on this Father's Day are ways we can be an encourager as men, some of us are Fathers, others may hope to be someday.

1. Let's look at: Five ways to be an Encourager

+ First why be an Encourager? ***The number one reason is that God is an Encourager***

+ Lets look at His example, when we do we will find some tools we can use.

A. **Moses** - call to lead the people of God out of Egypt

B. **Joshua** - Josh 1:9

C. **Gideon** - Judges 6:10-16

+ God saw what they could do, so He encouraged them.

+ We can see three tools God used to encourage all three men and others. So how did God do it?

A. With His Words

B. With His Presence

C. With His assistance

- Show video

2. Let's look at Eph 5:25 we will look at encouraging our kids.

+ Husband treating Mom right will be an encouragement to the Kids whether they are small or grown. Whether they are in the house or moved and live somewhere else.

3. Be mighty in Spiritual matters, this will be a encouragement to your family and others.

+ Don't let the wife have to take the lead most of the time in spiritual matters.

Don't let her have to be the one that tells you to do spiritual things most of the time.

4. Be the leader in the area of inviting people to church and witnessing or sharing your faith. This will be an encouragement to so many especially the lost person, and more important to the Lord who call us to spread the good news.

+ Here are some questions I want to ask but I want you to think about.

- A. Do you ever share your faith?
- B. Do you know how to?
- C. Do you invite people to the church?
- D. If not why?

+ My Mon example, at Food Lion the other day.

5. You have in you already what you need to be an Encourager. God has put it in you, let's turn to

2 Peter 1:3

Close with this example:

Vice President Mike Pence

Pastor Willie

To sum up the five ways on this Father's Day, Being an Encourager

- 1. God is an Encourager, with his words, his presence and assistance.***
- 2. Being an Encourager to Kids by Loving and Treating Mom right.***
- 3. Be mighty in Spiritual matters.***
- 4. Be the leader in the area of inviting people to church and witnessing or sharing your faith.***
- 5. You have in you already what you need to be an Encourager. So ask the Lord to guide you.***