

FACING THE FATHER WOUND

I. Let's Summarize Where We Are

A. We are in the process of seeking to make sense of Why we are the Way we are.

1. Each of us has a Story to tell.

2. Each of us is, to some degree, a Product of the past.

3. Each of us is, in some ways, Affected by the past until we consciously and willfully choose to break that Cycle.

B. We are exploring the first of five major wounds in life that Shape us.

C. This wound is being inflicted upon sons at Epidemic today.

II. Eight Proactive Remedies For the Absent Father Wound

A. If you're a Dad ... make sure your son(s) has "The Essentials."

MAKE SURE HE HEARS ...	MAKE SURE HE HAS ...
Affirmation - I Love You Admiration - I'm Proud of You Encouragement - You Are Able	A Manhood Definition / Rite of Passage A Code of Conduct / You are living A Greater Cause

- B. If you're a Dad ... it's never too late to " Close the gap " with your son(s), no matter how old.
- C. If you're a single Dad, or a Dad separated from your son(s) by divorce, or a Dad who has inherited a son(s) through remarriage, Get resourced and ready.
- D. If you're a son wounded by Dad ... choose to touch this wound Responsibly.
1. By choosing to Forgive your Dad. - Hebrews 12:9-10
 2. By choosing to believe in God's Ability. - Romans 12:19
- E. If you're a son wounded by Dad ... Reconcile with your father.
1. There may be separation between you and your Dad that springs from Dad's Shortfalls.
Don't let that stop you!
 2. There may be separation between you and your Dad that springs from Past Conflict.
You need to clean it up!
- F. If you're a son wounded by Dad ... risk asking for your Right relationship back.
- G. If you're a son wounded by Dad ... risk asking for your Family's future to be restored.
- H. If you're a son wounded by Dad ... Reclaim the relationship you missed by becoming a Godly Father to your children.

Questions for Your Small Group

1. Have you released Dad and assumed responsibility for your own life? If you could sit down and "bare your soul" to your father, what would you say to him?
2. Which of the eight father wound remedies could you apply to your life right now? Explain.
3. What do your children need from you right now? Are there things you are doing (or not doing) that may cause your children to be wounded later in life?