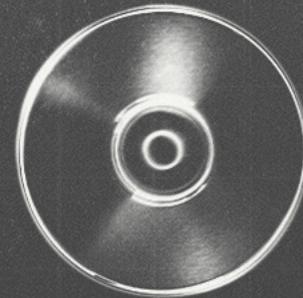


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# How A Dad Can Lead His Family

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# Reminders & Warnings

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# Malachi 4:5-6

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of **fathers** to their children and the hearts of children to their **fathers**, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction”

# Luke 1:16-17

“And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the **fathers** to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared”

# Ephesians 6:4

“**Fathers**, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

# Colossians 3:19, 21

“**Husbands**, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them... **Fathers**, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”



# The Father Factor



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- Father involvement in school is associated with the higher likelihood of a student getting mostly A's.
- Fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school.
- Youths in father-absent homes have significantly higher odds of delinquencies & incarceration.
- Teens without fathers are twice as likely to be involved in early sexual activity and seven times more likely to get pregnant as an adolescent.

# The Father Factor

- 26-year study: the most important childhood factor in developing empathy is a dad's involvement in the family.
- Mom attends church regularly, dad doesn't: 2% of the time children will attend regularly.
- Dad attends regularly, mom doesn't: 44% of the time children will attend regularly.

# The Father Factor

- When a child is the first to connect to a church, about 3.5% of the families will follow that child to church.
- When a wife/mom is the first to connect to a church, about 17% of the families will follow mom to that church.
- When a husband/dad connects to a church, 94% of the families will follow!

Christian Smith  
and Amy Adamczyk

A photograph of a family of three walking on a wooden bridge in a park. The father is on the left, the mother is on the right, and a young girl is in the middle, holding hands with both parents. They are all smiling and looking towards each other. The background is a lush green forest.

# Handing Down the Faith

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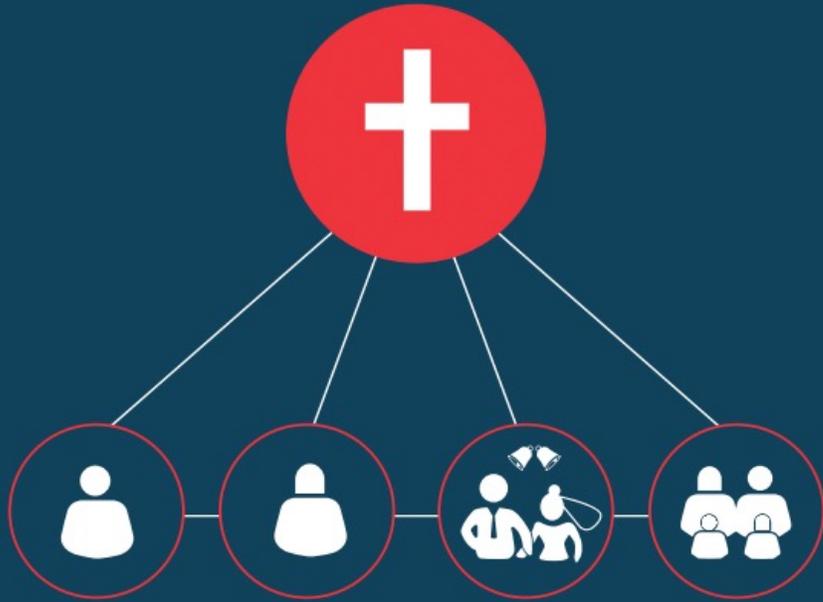


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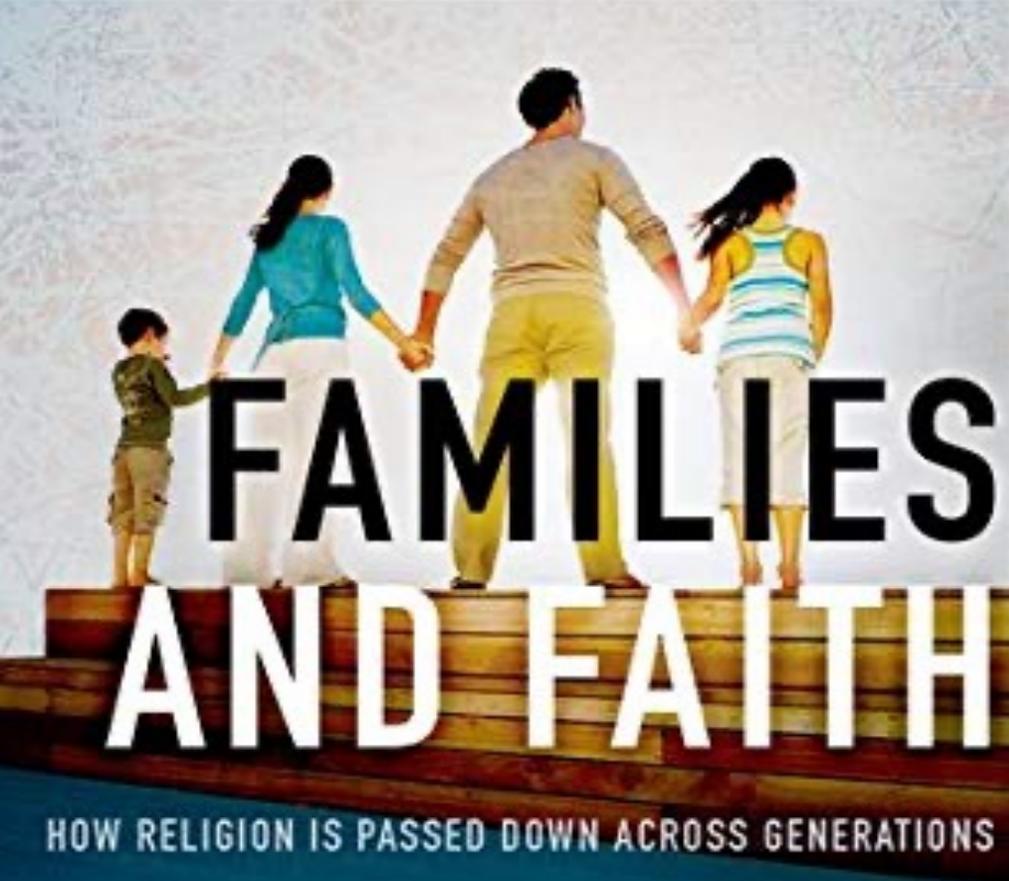
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“The Communio Nationwide Study on Faith and Relationships reveals that the collapse in marriage and the resulting decline in resident fatherhood may offer the best explanation for the decline of Christianity in the United States.”



- A crucial factor in whether a child keeps the faith is the father's warmth.
- Parental piety cannot make up for a devout but distant dad.
- While outside forces do play a role, the crucial factor in whether a child keeps the faith is the presence of a strong fatherly bond.

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FAITH OF THE  
FATHERLESS

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ATHEISM

IGNATIUS

Dr. Paul Vitz (emeritus professor of psychology, New York University)...

The failure of a child to form a healthy attachment to his or her father often manifests itself in the later loss of faith, interest in New Age spirituality, or the manifestation of agnosticism or atheism

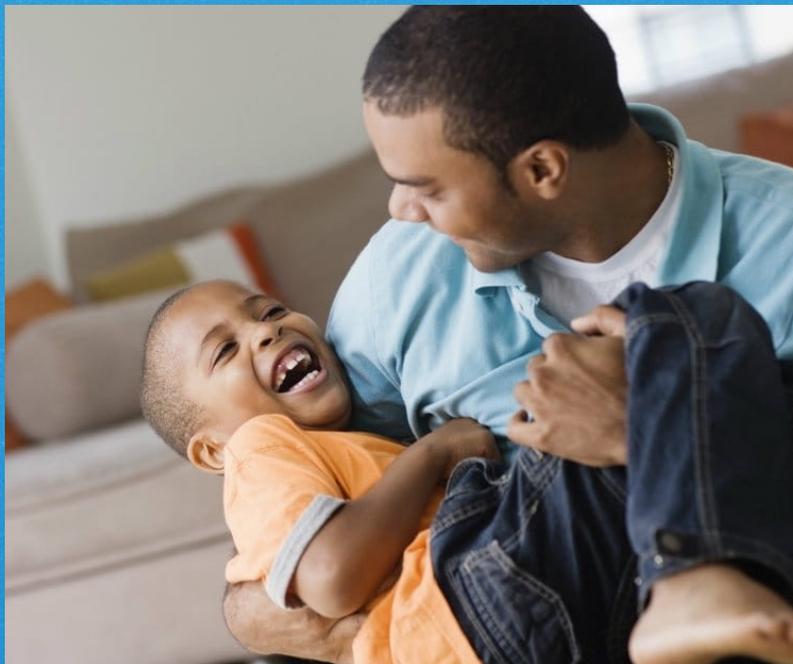
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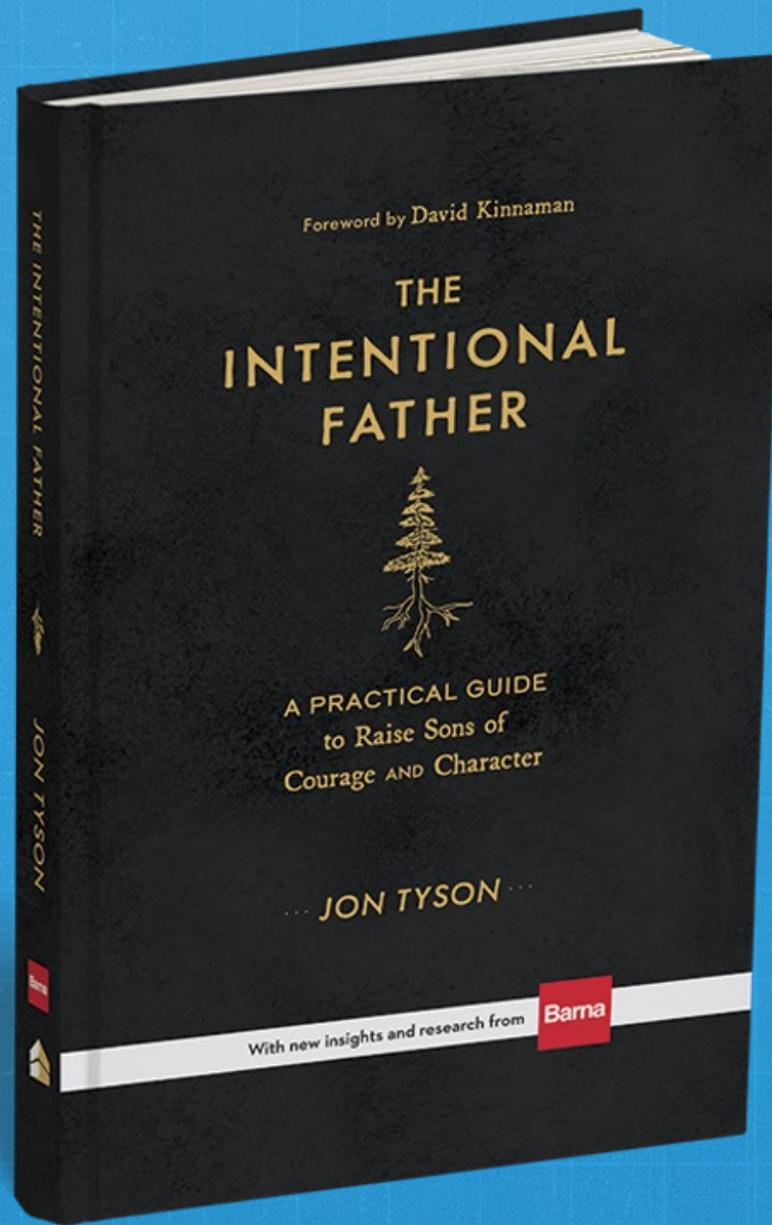


Your role sets the culture  
("thermostat") of your home and  
impacts the hearts of your kids

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Foreword by David Kinnaman

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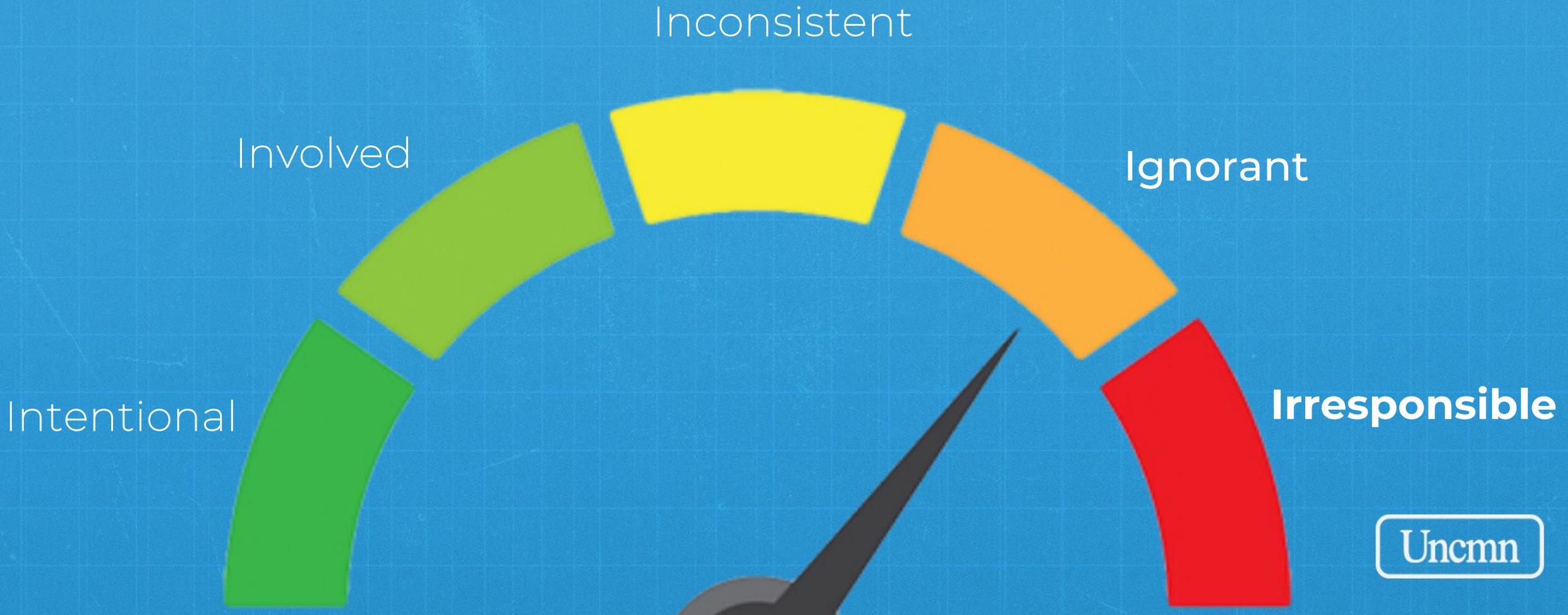
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# Five Types of Fathers



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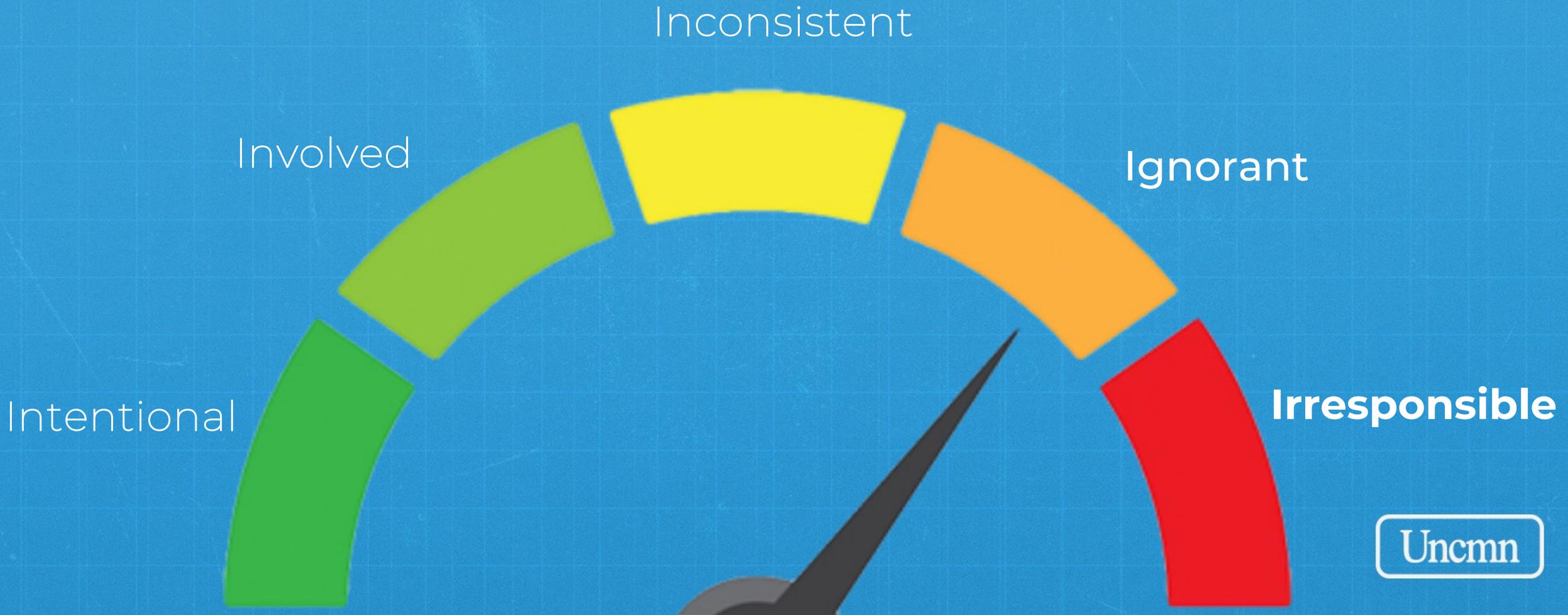


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# How can you move the needle?



# Faithful Fathers are men who...



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# 1. Passionately Love Jesus

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

– DEUTERONOMY 6:5-6



In Christ

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“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

# 1. Passionately Love Jesus

- PROBLEM: Many dads are trying to impose a value system on their kids that they themselves aren't living out!
- RESULT: Children are rejecting our hypocrisy, not our theology.



“My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.”

- PROVERBS 23:26

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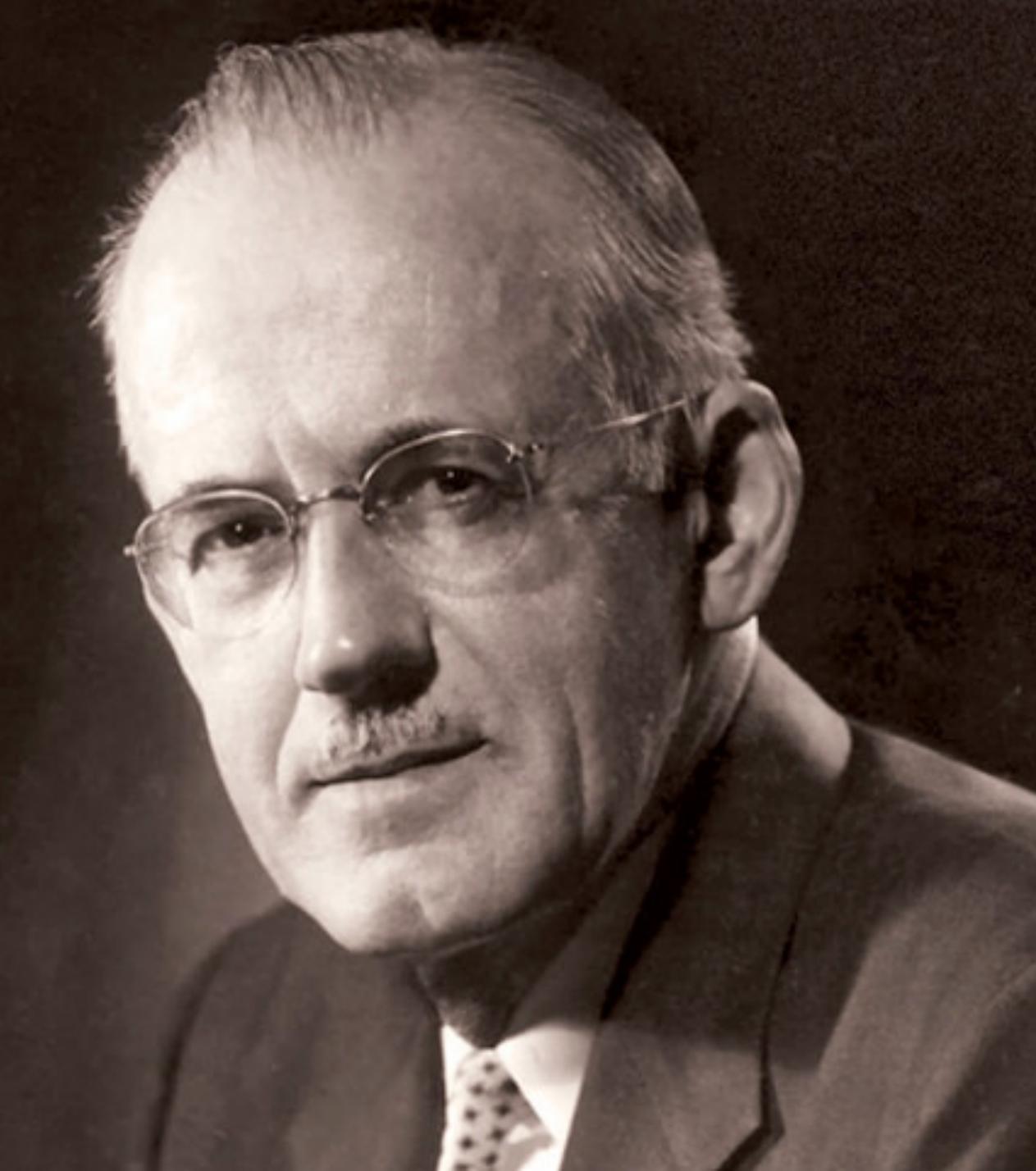
How are you fueling your  
passion for the name and fame  
of Jesus?

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Prayer: "Turn my heart  
toward your statutes and  
not toward selfish gain"  
- PSALM 119:36





“Whatever keeps me from  
my Bible is my enemy,  
however harmless it may  
appear to be.”  
– A. W. TOZER

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“Rejoice in the wife of your youth”

– PROVERBS 5:18

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## 2. Own the Role of Disciple-maker

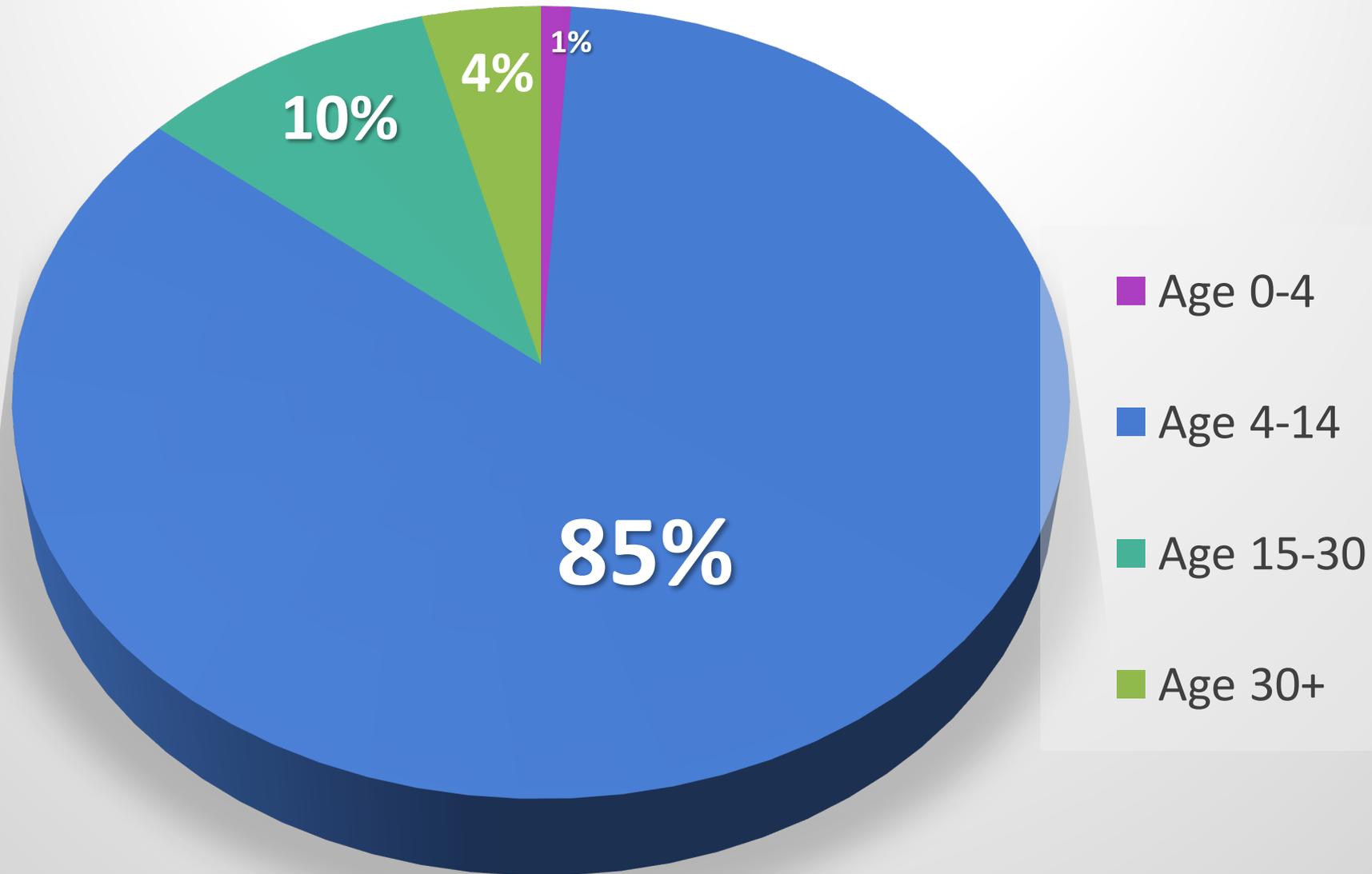
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“O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days.”

– PSALM 44:1

# The 4-14 Window



# 3. Create a Word-Centered Home

“For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God.”

– 1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12

# 4. Initiate Faith Conversations

“You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates”

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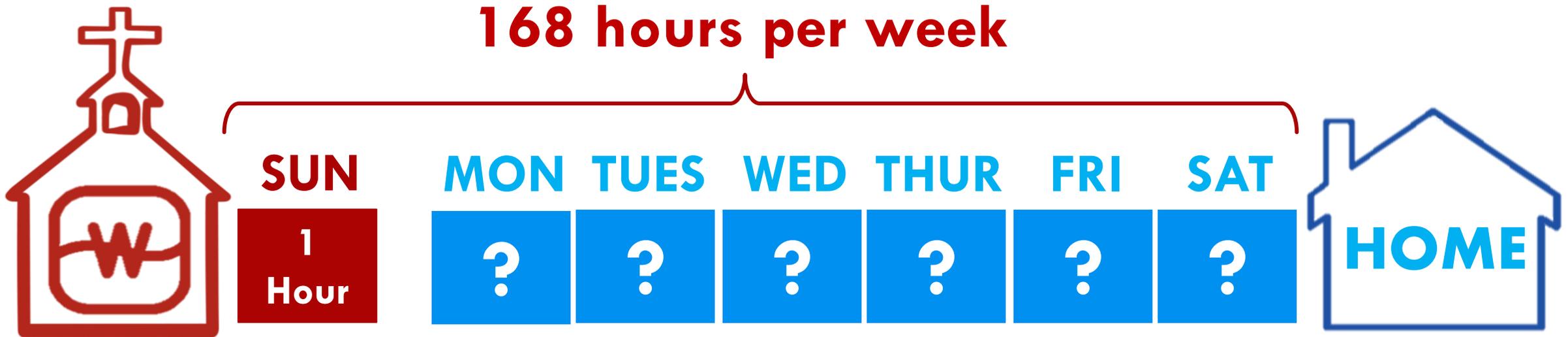
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The issue is what's NOT happening at home the  
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# What NOT to take away from this

- My kids will be atheists if I skip family devos
- There's a hundred things I should start doing
- Everything rides on me... and I'm failing
- I need to be a lot more spiritual before I start leading

- You matter
- You are irreplaceable
- You are a crucial factor
- They need your presence

...but you aren't essential  
...but not indispensable  
...but not the only factor  
...not your perfection



“Dependent Responsibility”

# What you DO need to remember

- **God always supplies what He demands**
- **He is the Author & Perfector of our kid's faith (Heb 12:2)**
- **You can't measure the eternal significance of present faithfulness**



# You are more QUALIFIED than you think

- Inadequacy
- Passivity
- Timidity



# You are more QUALIFIED than you think

“Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit.”

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# 2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”



# You are more QUALIFIED than you think

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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# You are more QUALIFIED than you think

“The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be  
afraid?”

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# 2 Peter 1:3

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket, is smiling and holding a baby in a green jacket. The baby has its mouth open. In the foreground, a young boy in a blue jacket is holding a white sign with green text. The background is an outdoor grassy area with trees and a utility pole.

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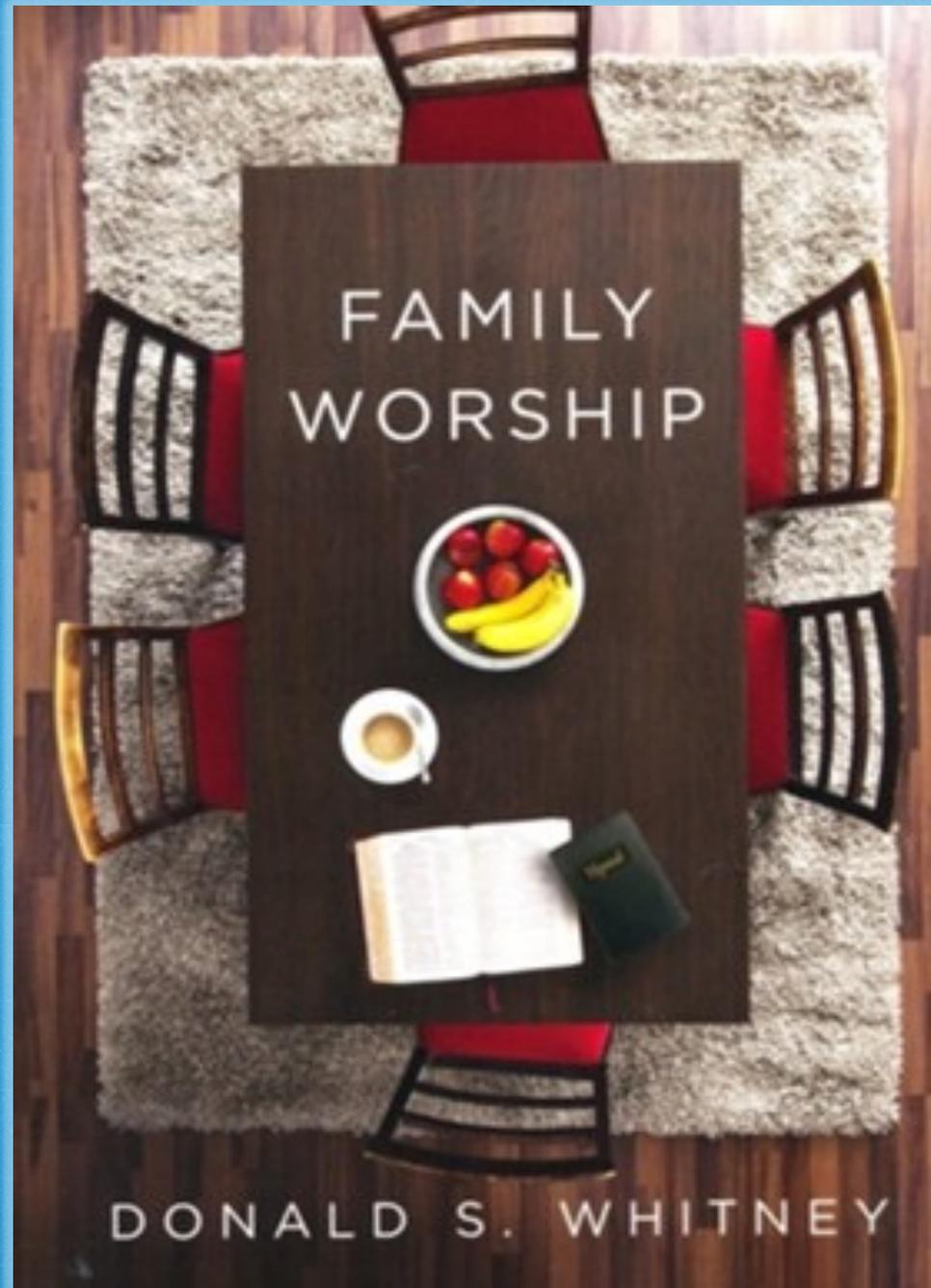
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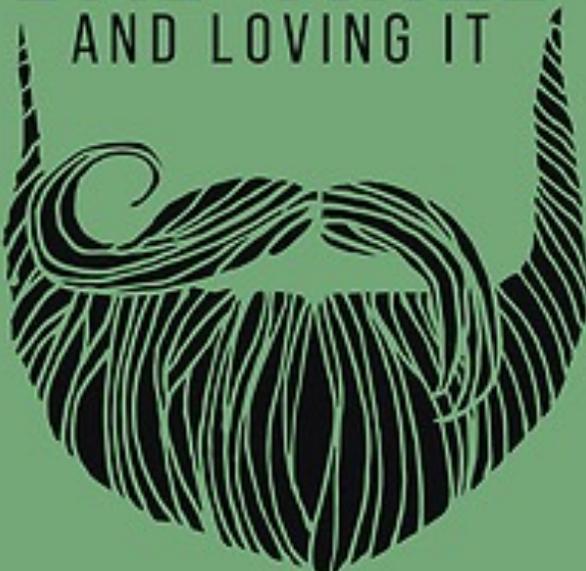
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**GO**



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Live His word  
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