
THE ABSENT FATHER WOUND

I. Introduction

- *“A wound is a unresolved issue whose lack of closure impacts in some way the quality of a man’s life now.”*

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“As a father, the good family man is not perfect but he is just good enough to be irreplaceable. He stays around. He is a father on the premises. His children need him and he strives to give them what they need every day. He knows that nothing can substitute for him. Nothing. Either he is a father or his children are fatherless. He would never consider himself ‘not that important to his children.’” — David Blankenhorn, [Fatherless America](#)

- Proverbs 17:6

A. A definition: *“An ongoing psychological, social, or spiritual deficit, ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad, that must now be overcome by other means.”*

B. Three words or phrases for your dad:

C. What the Absent Father Wound results in:

1) _____ and _____.

2) Extreme _____, _____, or _____.

3) _____.

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D. What every son wants and needs from his father:

- 1) He needs _____ with his dad.

- 2) He needs _____ with solid _____ answers.
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- 3) He needs _____ that come through _____.

- 4) He needs to see his dad's _____.
 - Matthew 3:13-17

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSION

Check In: FEAR ANGER HURT SAD LONELY SHAME GUILT GLAD

1. *How have you been wounded by your dad? In what way? Which of the results of Absent Father Wound could you most identify with?*
2. *If you could ask your dad for one thing, what would it be? Explain.*
3. *How would you describe your relationship with your dad right now?*
4. *If your son was in a class like this 25 years from now, how would he talk about or describe his relationship with you? What do you feel when you consider this question?*