

# FATHER'S DAY

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## THE INFLUENCER DIFFERENCE

Mark 5, Ephesians 4:29; 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6 – 7

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

– Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

**Live the difference as an influencer:**

- **Cover them in prayer**

*“And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep Your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.” – 1 Chronicles 29:19 (NIV)*

- **Invest time in them**

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*  
– Deuteronomy 6:6 – 7 (NIV)

- **Speak life into them**

*Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.* – Ephesians 4:29 (NAS)

- **Point them to Jesus**

*To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*  
– Titus 1:4 (ESV)

### MESSAGE SUMMARY

In a world obsessed with influence, God calls us to a different kind of impact. Ephesians 6:4 reminds us that our greatest influence comes through prayer, intentional time, encouraging words, and pointing others to Jesus. The good news is that God uses ordinary, grace-filled moments to make an eternal difference in the lives of others.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use as many or as few of these questions as are helpful for your group or family discussion.

- Discussion Starter: Looking back, who was one of the most influential people in your life growing up, and what is one thing they said or did that you still remember today?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7. According to this passage, where does spiritual influence begin, and how does God intend for faith to be passed on from one generation to the next?
- Read Mark 5:21-24. Jairus was a respected synagogue leader, yet he humbled himself before Jesus for the sake of his daughter. What does this reveal about true spiritual leadership and influence?
- Read Ephesians 4:29. What is the difference between words that tear down and words that "give grace to those who hear"? Can you think of a time when someone's words had a lasting impact on your life and pointed you toward Christ?
- Read Titus 1:4 and 2 Timothy 2:1-2. Paul invested deeply in Titus and Timothy as spiritual sons. Who has been a spiritual influence in your life, and who might God be calling you to encourage, mentor, or invest in right now?
- Read Colossians 3:16. As you think about prayer, time, encouragement, and pointing people to Jesus, who is one person God may be calling you to influence more intentionally for Christ? What is one step you can take this week, and how can your group pray for you?