

1. David's mighty men. 2 Sam 22.1-3 (PPT)
 - Didn't begin as mighty men [indebted, depressed, despised] - 2 Sam 23.8ff
 - Became epic - an army, all fearless warriors
 - a. Standing ground against impossible odds
 - b. Clinging to their swords until they had no strength left.
 - c. Kind of men we want our sons to be.
 - David foreshadows Jesus w/ his men. Not mighty men at 1st but he shaped them into courageous valiant warriors.
 - *That is our task guys. Just as someone worked to shape us, now its out task to shape our sons.*

2. Six weapons Father must give his son. Eph 6
 - **Give him God.** 6:10-12
 - a. Allies 4 in #. Lord Jesus, God the Father, the Spirit, the angels (Hb 1.14).
 - b. He has to be convinced God the greatest, strongest, wisest, kindest, most awesome thing that exists.
 - c. 1 Chron 28.20. *David to Solomon, his son.* God must become your hero. If not you will get eaten alive by the enemy

 - **Give him the Bible.** 6.17
 - a. We do weapons at our house - guns, throwing knives, bows, tomahawks - lots of fun but useless against the real enemy - spiritual foe
 - b. The weapon that will serve you best - the Sword (Not a katana). Word of God.
 - c. 1 Kings 2:2-4 David's final words to his son
 - 1) David, greatest warrior, no doubt skilled w/ many weapons, yet...
 - d. Study w/ your son, put it in his mind. May not go to his heart at beginning, we cannot force that, we must wait for it - - but, he needs to know it so later he will know where to turn for what is right and wrong.

 - **Give him prayer.** 6.18-19
 - a. Prayer is given impt place in battle against the enemy
 - b. Prerequisite for best use of other weapons
 - c. Teach your son to pray, let him hear you pray, show him the God he is speaking to - *show him God listens!!* Show him victories God gave to those who sought him in prayer.
 1. *Point out when God has answered prayers in your family, in his life.*
 2. *Isa 65. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.*

 - **Give him humility.** 6.19 [Paul isn't a proud man]
 - a. He asked others to intercede for him (quite a few times). Paul said, *pray God will give me courage!!* Is that hard for you to say to someone?

- b. David was not an island. Not self-made.
 - c. Help him develop sense of dependence (not self-reliance). Better “I cannot do it w/o Him” vs 12 is humbling!!! Don’t be wise in your own eyes.
 - d. God opposes the proud, gives grace to the humble. Jam 4.6
- **Give him an example.**
 - a. What **you** love and are passionate about - he will love and be passionate about!
 - 1. If **you** read the Bible, study, get excited about it - **he** will too
 - 2. If **you** pray, lead family in prayer, **he** will too
 - 3. He will value what you value! David was passionate about the Lord!!
 - b. If he senses other things are more exciting to you than God he will feel at liberty to do the same. If God is 2nd to you, he will likely be 3rd to him.
 - 1. Boys, beware! Solomon went off deep end at a certain point.
 - 2. Don’t think because dad puts God 1st, you always will.
 - 3. Dad won’t answer for your choices, you will. But men, you cannot give what you do not have. GIVE HIM AN EXAMPLE
 - **Give him godly heroes.**
 - a. In 1st century Xians spent *hrs together*. Opened homes. Invited other Xians in. Sewell Hall told me - they always kept visiting preacher, his parents wanted kids to know warriors of faith
 - b. **Acts 2.46, 5.42.** Imagine having Peter & John over for a meal after a beating (*did they offer a pillow for the chair back to cushion the wounds*). That would impact your children forever!!!
 - c. Who will be your sons idols (in the best way possible)? If you have forces outside immediate family influence your children - you chose them!! Have Xians in, facilitate opps for kids to be around faithful warriors.
 - 1. Don’t fret about house size/accomodations/food
 - 2. I’ve been to Brazil [Gilberto/Mayre], and gladly slept on floor. Served peanut butter. I loved them to pieces, never forgot their hospitality...
3. Dad’s we need to lead our boys to be:
- a. **To be Shepherds.** To care about & care for others. Put self aside, tend to needs of others ahead of self. David learned to care for sheep. God took him from among sheepfolds to shepherd Israel. 2 Sam 7:8
 - b. **To be intercessors.** Ezek 22.30, Dt 9. Care about your brother, your neighbor to go to God on his behalf.
 - * *Moses stood in breach for Aaron*
 - *Jesus lives to make intercession for us.*
 - c. **To be submissive sons.** John 6.37-40. In this passage, I always tended to focus on the security aspect, its assurance, certainty (response to predestination). What i needed to see is was that God preserves/saves people thru a submissive son, one set to do God’s will at all costs. Make submissive sons!!

- d. **To do hard things.** [working for Mr Books in New Sals] Phys & spiritually. Ezek 2.3,6. 3.7-11. **Dads**, give boys things to do outside their comfort zone. **We** need to lead in that. - **WE** need to do hard things, not things of convenience, but what we **NEED** to do achieve the Lord's interests. Boys will follow when their opportunity arises. But if **we** take the easy road, **they** will see that too.
Lam 3:27 it is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

- e. **Treasure ancient words. Ps 119.97-100,18.** I love the series by Brian Kilmeade. *Right now - Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers. But. If books like that hold my passion over THE BOOK - - it needs to change.* Also, books about the Bible must not become more intriguing than the Bible itself - be careful!!

- f. **To love others** - boys need to develop a heart of love/mercy/compassion/forgiveness.. Jesus a man of *steel and velvet*. Jesus was not heavy on the judgment element, rather on the mercy element. Learn to listen!!! Find the backstory! Love God 1st. Love people 2nd. But **LOVE** people!

Conclude. **Eph 6.4.** My intention is not to overlook mom's significance. But to focus on Dad's role - since Paul addressed **FATHERS**. This is Not an easy task. **BUT**, someone put time into raising us. Thank God for work our fathers did. The very idea of making mighty men for the Lord is a *humbling* task. Even overwhelming at times. Remember this - - God is out front. It is not all on us. In fact, **we pray, work, thank**. May God bless us to raise up mighty men.

1. No passage for David's *mighty women*.
 - But it doesn't mean girls aren't warriors of faith or that we shouldn't raise them as such
 - Exodus 1.15 Only took **2 valiant women** to topple plan of mighty Pharaoh (Shiphrah & Puah)
 1. Drown the boys!! Answer - - No chance!
 2. We fear God. 1.17
 3. Result. God multiplied their houses.. One little boy in particular gets focus
 - Exodus 2. Featured **3 valiant women**
 1. *Daughter* of Levi - Jocabed
 2. *Daughter* of Jocabed - Miriam
 3. *Daughter* of Pharaoh - who, *in spite of* a exceptionally bad dad, chose well.
 - **God is awesome. Unstoppable. Unhindered** in plan to rescue his people. I am not trying to magnify girls in this lesson to make them into cultural wonder women/black widows/ captain marvels. **God is the sole hero and we are all servants (boys/girls).**

2. Six things a Father can give his daughter.
 - **Affirm her beauty.**
 1. James Dobson, Adolescence : Deep Canyon for teens: Feeling of **Inferiority**: a) phys imperfections, b) not smart, c) poor. Any 1 or all 3 can send them spinning off axis
 2. Dad's essential - **you are beautiful!**
 - a. They need to hear that!! Beauty not wrong (Abishag/Abigail/Esther), God made her that way!! It's okay to be pretty, it's not a shameful thing.
 - b. So sad, Vashti, treated as trophy/object - by the king (Est 1.11)
 - c. A daughter needs to know her greatest beauty lies within.
 3. 1 Tim 2. Adorn self w/ godly works.
 - a. External beauty is a treasure for her husband not every other guy. Dress w/ propriety, and, if a man lusts that's on him; but if you dress w impropriety, you must bear your responsibility
 - **Give her his open ear.**
 1. He needs to listen to her - take her out for coffee, if she shows up at 11:30pm for a chat - Wake up! Listen to her concerns. If it's Impt to her, it ought to be impt to you!! Not tomorrow! I took Rheanna for a drive (at times an hour)
 2. What about my other work? (dad's object) - **SHE IS YOUR WORK!!!** You are making her a servant of God. He gave her to you - preachers, don't walk past her to save others.
 3. A girls confidence that what she has to say is valuable begins at home in the way she is heard by her dad.

4. David, the greatest king, listened to wise women.
 - a. **Abigail. 1 Sam 25.** She wasn't showing off. She was trying to save her lousy husband & save David, the anointed of God!
 - b. Also, **2 Sam 14.** Joab sent for a wise woman in Tekoa to send to David to dig him out of his pit of despair for Absalom - - and he listened (vs 21)
 - c. The mother of King Lemuel. A lesson on how to be a king. **Pr 31.1-9.**
4. To form a gentle/quiet spirit in a daughter, a father needs to appreciate her, listen to her, so she doesn't feel she needs to act out/get loud to get his attention!!

- **His protection.**

1. David failed to protect and defend the honor of **Tamar** [1 Samuel 13]
 - a. David is duped by Amnon 6
 - b. Does not seem wary of his intentions (should he have been)? 7
 - c. Then, except for his anger, he is utterly passive as to confronting Amnon. Vs 21
 - d. Actually Tamar spoke wisely pleading w/ Amnon
 - e. Amnon would not listen! Vs 14
2. Dad's, you have a role. We are protectors. On watch for the Amnons.
3. We've had lots of guys come to our Teen studies the past 2 years. Some really good boys, others need some serious s maturing, most I would not entertain as suitors for my daughter. Vigilance is not wrong. Careless indifference IS!

- **His confidence -**

1. Entrust a daughter w/ tasks, according to the level of her spiritual maturity.
2. Her question will be - what can I do??? I'm just a teenager, etc. Is there anything??
3. **She needs to perceive - - Dad sees me as capable**
 - a. **Your voice** -Go and help so and so, you will be a blessing to them.
 - b. Does a girl have a role in LC?
 - c. One older lady recently said to me, "We need a lesson on what women are to do in the church...are we suppose to just sit and do nothin' ??]!!
4. **NT women did a lot.**
 - a. **Rom 16.1 Pheobe**, it's likely she was entrusted to take the letter,
 - b. Rom 16.3 Priscilla/Aquila hosted a church in her home in nearly every city she lived. Don't underrate hospitality!
 - c. But she's not up front - so what!! Most of real Xianity is done outside pulpit.
 - d. Women in general are not incapable.
 - Occasion in Judges 4.4,8 When Israel lacked valiant men, God employed Deborah. No, it's not a pattern for church leadership!! Rather, it was a statement against the spiritually immature men. And she was more than capable to judge. You might pay attention to the fact that Deborah's song (Jud 4) doesn't praise herself but the Lord)
 - Fathers need to communicate to his girls - I believe in YOU!!!

5. Dad's must not favor the boys, and leave the girls to feel 2nd rate!!!!
Kids rise to our level of expectations.

- Be A *model* , not GQ
 1. Be the man you want her to marry!!
 2. How you treat your woman (wife/her mother) -**Not** as an object, **Not** as a slave.
But as a precious treasure.
 - a. Lift up her mom - thank her, praise her
 - b. Take her out - honor her, defend her. The kids should not ever dishonor/disrespect her w/o meeting a Dad.
 - c. Treat as a teammate. An ally. A helpmeet. With complementary abilities.
 1. Show trust in her managing the house, making purchases, raise his children (don't micromanage)
 2. Daughters needs to see that, to help her get a clear vision of what kind of man she wants to marry.
- *Be Firm, but gentle.*
 1. Harsh and impatient: is not received well by anybody. Being loud and overbearing will get compliance, but **not true** submission
 2. Does she need to submit? **Yep, just like the boys.** Her role will be that. Its a noble role the Lord himself embraced. God highly exalted him.
 3. *Submission as a throttle.*
 - a. A girl has nearly unlimited capacity in many things.
 - Just look at her skill sets in educating the kids (for homeschooling families)
 - Not to mention the workplace. Don't have to look far to see what women have done.
 - And there are ways in which a woman will interact w/the marketplace for the good of her family - Pr 31 (all of that interaction is counted as good)
 - b. **But our culture** entices women and almost shames her into aspiring to greatness in marketplace. They insist she must exercise all her skills to climb ladders of corporate success to BE SOMEBODY. Money is the measure of all things in our country, and especially the value of a woman.
 - c. **Guys we must honor her/appreciate her for her role at home.**
 - A mom's attitude is of course critical to the daughter's attitude.
 - If a mom sees the workplace as crucial to her self-identity, so will the daughters.
 - d. Submission can be a great tool, almost like a *throttle* [God's parameters/His definitions of her role] she can use like a throttle to help her expend energy in God's purposes, and not be seduced by the culture around her. Submission is to God first.
 4. Of course, a man isn't called to put his wife in submission, she is do that to herself. He has to focus on his own role to lead/serve/nourish/cherish; she has her role *to support His leadership*

- a. When a man listens/cherishes/protects/cares for/ nurtures his wife. .
- b. She doesn't feel need to to take care of herself. Less tempted to step out of her role of submission to him.

So, raising girls. We are raising mighty women for the Lord. Warriors in their own right. Ephesians 6.4. Again, I am not discounting the role a mother plays. In fact, she will do many things in the life of a daughter a father can't do as well. But we do have a role. And Eph 6 addresses a father's leadership part in bringing up his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.