

A New Generation of Fathers

August 28th, 2011

'Ab {Awb} - Father

The first labial sounds of an infant

The first word in the Hebrew Language (1215 usages)

The first labial sounds of reformation

The first word in the Awakened and Empowered Church

The first labial sound of every true prayer

A Generation Remembers its Fathers

1. They were always frustrated with us, irritated, and harsh
2. They never had time to truly nurture, to just hold, to just listen
3. They were always tired and needing their rest
4. They were too busy for us, otherwise occupied with the cares of life
5. They didn't follow through on their promises
6. They cared more about football, hunting, and their careers than they did about their children
7. They didn't know how to encourage - they only knew how to criticize
8. They only cared about us if we were somehow benefiting their lives
9. They only gave us gifts on our birthdays and on Christmas
10. They were always anxious and stressed about money

The Hope in our Rottenness

The idea: what we have here is not what we have there

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Eric Ludy Remembers his Father

- The Dad on the Track
- The Workaholic
- The Pin Stripes on the Sideline
- Playing for My Dad
- You're Getting There
- The Words, "I Love You"
- Darth Vader Sounds
- The Tearful Blessing
- The Capple Cabin
- Eric, I'm Leaving My Job to Come Serve You.
- If You Go Down, Then I'm Going Down With You

The Hope for our Rottenness

The idea: what He has accomplished is for here not just there

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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May it be said of us . . .

1. We were there.

2. We met danger with our own chest exposed.
3. We were patient and long-suffering.
4. We were listeners, and good question-askers.
5. We were teachers, imparting everything we knew.
6. We were champions for Jesus, living replicas of His Grace.
7. We were gentle, huggable, kissable, and cuddlable.
8. We wrestled on the floor with our kids and wrestled in the public square for the Truth.
9. We preached the Gospel, spoke the Gospel, taught the Gospel, and lived the Gospel in every moment.
10. We were protectors from everything hostile to spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical health.
11. We were rescuers of the weak, advocates for the vulnerable, fathers of the fatherless.
12. We were honorable, honest, faithful, and true.
13. We were noble gentlemen unto our wives, and loved her as a woman should be loved.
14. We were always accessible, always approachable, and always wanting our children near.
15. We were thoughtful, warmhearted, generous, and kind.
16. We were strong when strength was required.
17. We were soft when softness was needed.
18. We were always the last to sleep and the first to rise.
19. We were always on our knees praying.
20. We were true men - men as God intended them to be.

We were Fathers . . .

We refused to deny the holocausts of our day . . .

We refused to step down on the issue of protecting life in the womb.

We refused to say “no” when the orphan child needed a home.

We refused to allow the down-syndrome child to be cast aside and buried inside a government program.

We refused to ignore the young pregnant girl’s situation.

We refused to act as if the sex-trafficking industry is a myth.
We refused to overlook the needs of the single-mom's plight.
We refused to do nothing when something needed to be done.

We were Fathers . . .

We refused to turn a blind eye to the encroachment of the world upon our children's souls.
We refused to yield to the plea to let our children just be "normal".
We refused to allow Jesus to have spit upon His cheek.
We refused to allow Truth to fall in the streets and judgment to turn away backward.
We refused to allow our boys to grow up without being trained as men.
We refused to allow our girls to grow up without being trained as women.
We refused to accept mediocrity while excellence could be had.

We were Fathers . . . as God intended them to be

The Commission to Love

The idea: we have the Son, so we have the same love in us

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off,
his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and
kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against
heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But
the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him;
and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

Luke 15:20-22

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The Ludy Tradition

Remember Avy?

Remember Dubby-Dooley?

Remember Harper Grace?

Remember B?

The Ludy Tradition Expanded

Remember Cordero, that little seven-year-old down-syndrome boy in Mexico City begging on the streets?

Remember Zella, that six-year-old little girl in Guatemala standing on the slave block being sold to those brutish men?

Remember Kadokechi, that eight-year-old boy in Uganda today that was forced at gunpoint to kill his mother and sister and then enslaved as a child soldier in the LRA?

Remember Emily, that little unborn baby sucking her thumb and kicking inside that little fifteen-year-old girl's womb, scheduled for execution at the hands of an abortionist tomorrow at 2:00 pm?

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The first labial sounds of soul awakening

The first word in the dictionary of the Twice-Born

The first labial sounds of real Christianity

The first word in the Hero's vocabulary

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:6

- **The Hope in our Rottenness** - *The idea: what we have here is not what we have there*
- **The Hope for our Rottenness** - *The idea: what He has accomplished is for here not just there*
- **The Commission to Love** - *The idea: we have the Son, so we have the same love in us*
- **The Commission to Give** - *The idea: God builds us to give our best*

For God so loved the world, **that He gave** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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A New Generation of Fathers

- Fathers that train their children to “Go!”
- Fathers that “so love” that they give their only begotten children to the Harvest fields.