

THE FATHERLESS NEST

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Ephesians 6:4 New International Version (NIV)
*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children;
instead, bring them up in the training and
instruction of the Lord".*

1 EVERY HOME NEEDS A FATHER



A Father's role replicates that of our Heavenly Father here on earth Ephesians 6:4 he is the King of the home. This book aims to highlights the importance of the Father as the figurehead of every home. One of the primary aspects of fatherhood is being a loving and responsible husband that is married to a wife. From there, his responsibility in partnership with his wife is to guide his children through training them in the admonition of the Lord. The need for this command to be acknowledged in today's society is imperative and the impact of this neglect is being felt. Under our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our fathers are our spiritual head in the home (Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3). His presence should be felt through his replication of Christ's examples of teaching His disciples, instigating rules, worship, and the love a father has. He is a leader much is placed on the shoulders of a Father and that's is why the devil fights to ensure that

The Fatherless Nest reigns in our society. By creating mayhem and separating man from God. Far too many fathers are not spiritual men and this must change.

SEPARATION

The world drastically changed when Ule boarded the plane for Brazil. He knew he would never see his father again. At least not until a long time had passed. The last thing he remembered was his parents screaming at each other. "I'VE HAD ENOUGH, THIS IS IT" his mother yelled." In the wee hours of the morning, then silence lingered, followed by a slammed door. After which he fell back asleep. He had almost gotten accustomed to the sound. Morning crept through the window

Ule was forced out of bed by the bright beam. When he went out his father had already left and his mother had packed their bags and said they had to hurry they were going on holidays to see grandma in Brazil.

Brazil Ule shouted! "Where is papa, isn't he coming"? "He went out, he will be back later, and when he get's back he will join us" she replied. He had never left Mbola their village in Tanzania since he he came



as an infant. As excited it sounded, deep down inside, he had a feeling his family wasn't going to be the same and he wasn't going to see Mbola their small village again. His mother had often said she was leaving. This time he had overheard her making plans on the phone with her cousin in Brazil. She was telling her that she was fed up with Ule's father and she wanted to return to Brazil. His mother was originally from Brazil, that's where she met Ule's father.



They had gotten married, had Ule and moved to Tanzania when he was five years old. His parents were having problems more often as of late. His mother kept on

saying she was going to leave and go back to Brazil. Tanzania was beautiful but adjusting to the lifestyle was difficult for her. She missed the city life. Ule loved it, the beautiful scenery the animals, it was perfect. A quaint, paradise, quiet green and natural, just the way he liked it.

Tanzania is located in the East of Africa, and had the highest mountain on the conti-

nent, in the northeast of the country. The Kilimanjaro dreaded for its height and dormant volcanic nature. Mbola was a small hilly town in rural parts of Tanzania in the Uyui district in mid west. Travel to the town was difficult due to its hilly interior. The nearest city center, was Tabora, and was 36km away 22 miles. The airport was another 100 miles away.

December 10, 1985 was a day hatched in Ule's memory. The day his world changed forever. The day his merry hearts was broken. One of the neighbours was already waiting outside to take them to the airport. Almost ten hours drive away from where they lived because of the bad roads. They hurried outside to meet him. "What about papa, mom"? he sobbed! "I want papa. I have to tell him bye and make him pray that we have a safe journey", with tears rolling down his face.



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Lamentations 3:22-24 - It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.



Ule'S NEW LIFE

Ule had never left home without his father praying for him before. "We will stop and see him on the way" she responded without even looking at him. Ule waited and waited throughout the ten hours before getting to the airport, to see his father. They never stopped! He held his head low, the once cheerful face had a lifeless expression. They boarded the plane, Ule said nothing, he never uttered a word. And as the flight sliced through the clouds, Ule closed his eyes and pulled the blanket over his head, pretending he was asleep. Remained in that position for the entire journey. The blanket was dripping with his tears that kept on flowing from his eyes, all the way to Brazil. He remained silent trying to ease the pain, he never said a word he didn't eat anything. Since then he has never been the same.

Separation can be quite traumatizing for a child, even babies. It can lead to disruption in various aspects of a child's developmental stages. This process which usually occurs before the age of three. This includes the bonding process with parents, that

bond that usually happens between a child and the parents is drastically affected. As there is a natural feeling of defrayal and mistrust. Wherein the child may feel rejected and having the feeling of always having to apologize. Fearing that if they did something wrong the parent will abandon them. So they tend to be submissive in search that lost. Separation results in the child becoming distant from the parent and the parent becomes distant from the child. It affects the foundational development of speech. As in delayed language skills that usually starts developing at the age of one. Mobility gets affected, as the child may start walking late. Their physical and social skills gets affected as the child may develop low self esteem, due to feelings of rejection. This results in the child becoming shy around other children and adults. And may not know how to relate to other children. Aggressive and angry easily follows as the child at that age often doesn't know how to manage their emotions. These characteristics are often seen played out in countries where migration is rampant. A few years ago my husband was teaching in a school in the Caribbean. He often had to refer several children to the guidance councilor to seek counseling. As many were from homes that had a similar story to tell. No fathers or even worst both parents were gone and had left the

children at the mercy of other family members. Or sometimes worst, with total strangers. What these children went through was only left to the imagination. However several of these characteristics were displayed in the class. The child would get angry for no apparent reason and start fighting other children, while the lesson was in progress. They would fall asleep and unable to concentrate on the lesson. They would shy away from participating during class time. And overall distract other children and create disruptions. Some even stopped from school completely for various reasons.

It takes a heart transformed by the power of God to first of all notice that this child has a problem and needs help. Without labeling and predetermining that the child will not amount to anything good in this life. Providing support to help the family rebuild a safe, secure and nurturing home will help the recovery process.

Arrival in Brazil

When they landed it seemed like a whole new world to Ule. Brazil was a whole lot different from the village and he had already established that life would never be the same again. Ule was an A student in the primary school he was attending in Tanza-

nia. He had recently started playing football and was always eager to go and play with his friends.

Today in the United States of America, and many other countries around the world. If you are traveling with your child, or children. If they are minors and they are unaccompanied by the other parent. You are required to show a permission note to immigration indicating that you were allowed from the other parent to travel with them.

If you are a single parent, who has the legal and sole custody, of your child. A copy of the court custody document is necessary and can replace the letter from the other parent. Failure to do this can result in major problems.



Many of us grew up in single parents homes, where a father's guidance was absent. While many of us through disobedience neglected the guidance our fathers and went off to sow wild oats. Ule's case was unfortunate and one that was driven by anger and impulsive decisions. It is important that parents think through situations carefully before making decisions. In the heat of rage a parent may try to get back at their spouse by leaving with the children. In the long run the child is the one who suffers and suffers bitterly.



Proverbs 29:22 A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.

1. Let God lead you in all matters. Especially marriage, think carefully, wisely, long and hard before getting married. It is not good to bring children into an unhappy marriage. Ephesians 5:33 charges the man to love his wife and it is the woman's duty to respect her husband. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. You know a woman must pray to God for wisdom. Ask God to remove every trace of simplicity, a wise woman is powerful and effective and fills her husband's heart with happiness. Even if her husband is

not a believer the way the wife conducts herself will win the man's heart. 1 Peter 3:1-6 tells us "Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And

you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening". God is not telling us not to look nice. However He has taken it a step further, it doesn't make sense a woman spends excessive amount of time concentrating on just her physical appearance and turn around and be a thorn in the flesh. Someone unbearable to live with. However while you are taking care of the outward, take care of the inward as well. Your heart and your thought process, the way you think about people and life. It has the ability to destroy or preserve your home.

God takes care of the fatherless children. It is he who protects them. There are many reports of children who were abandoned and who grew up to be great men and women.

Job 29:12 I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help him.

It has been psychologically proven that a fatherless son has difficulties submitting to authority. Especially if it is a man who is the authoritarian. A fatherless son is often rebellious and angry. They have difficulties choosing a career path, a profession and a good wife. A child without a father exhibits



adverse behavioural problems. Leading to suicide and crime. Often end up getting them in trouble with the law. Unless it is detected by instinct or someone who is influenced by our Divine Father. Then it will never be properly addressed and that child ends up living a angry life.

Satan has capitalized on this unfortunate situation by wasting our children. Our future men and women. Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. The devil's aim in all this and every situation, is to steal the man from the home, kill the child before he grows into a man and destroy the living soul be wise and protect your home with prayer.

Men are being killed in the streets because of fatherlessness. Men with full potentials to rule the world. The devil knows the importance of a father in every household. A



fatherless home is a danger zone to every child. Some single homes have done well but with great strug-

gles. That is why he has introduced divorce, wives that won't submit, unwanted pregnancies, fornication before marriage, being unequally yoked and lust of the flesh.

The devil knows that if he can remove a real man from the home or society, then anarchy will reign. If he kills the leader he will scatter the sheep and destroy the children.

Ule arrived in Brazil two days later. Oh the beautiful lights, the big city, the fast cars, the music, the nice cloths the snow and of course the language barrier. It was quite difficult adjusting to this new way of life. The women's clothes seemed a lot shorter than it did in the village. Ule was home sick and there was no way of getting in touch with his father or his friends.

Ule was nine when he left Mbola. And now five years later he still had not gotten accustomed to eating a western meal of

eggs, toast and cereal. He was accustomed to his auntie in the village, picking fresh food from the tree and preparing it for him. Fufu, bitter leaf soup, garri, jollof rice and pap. He now had to adjust to a new lifestyle, he just didn't like it. His mother was always working to ensure they had food on the table., She hardly got the chance to stay home with him. She eventually met someone at work. Ule was angry when she started taking him home. He started staying out late. They got into fre-



quent fusses over trivial things, event though Ule was thought to always respect his parents he was very unhappy with his mothers decision to date someone else. Ule started staying out late. His mother started smelling smoke on his clothes. He would often tell her that he had stopped by his friend's house and they had a barbecue that's why his clothes smelt smokey.

This continued for many months. No one was brave enough or had the time to sit



and find out what was really going on in the young man's life.

In situations like this it takes God's wisdom. In Proverbs 1 that Salomon was concerned about his people and wanted them

to learn how to handle situations in a wise way. So he started teaching them how to solve problems wisely by applying wisdom. The Lord tells us that wisdom is a spirit the only way to get it is to reverence God and to fear Him.

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GOD'S MERCY

There are worldly wisdom and spiritual wisdom and we need to know how to differentiate the two. Worldly wisdom is a sensual wisdom and Godly wisdom is the spiritual wisdom, that comes from only God. It is very hard to find in human nature. That Godly wisdom is the ultimate wisdom which governs every other wisdom. The same wisdom is the application of knowledge, for a man to have the wisdom from God he has to know Him first. In order that the spirit of the Lord will govern and lead his life. In doing that that man is termed to be wise.

David said "I am wiser than my teachers" because he knew God. Ule got into frequent fights with his mother's friend, they just didn't get along. Ule had a friend who was a Christian. He would always encourage him and invite him to go to church. He would often say no, the friend would tell him that Jesus loved Him and died for His sins, but Ule wasn't interested to hear what he had to say.

One night Ule had a big fuss with his mother's friend who later drove him out of the house. The boy was just fourteen years old at the time. Still a child with no guid-



ance. His mother didn't say anything. Jeremiah 49:11 "Leave your fatherless children; I will keep them alive; and let your widows trust in me." If only she had someone to help her and tell her how to handle this crisis. Her son would not have left home and she wasn't a believer.

Ule left the house in a frenzy. That night Ule went to his friends house, it was there he met Janet. He later dropped out of school. The school tried desperately to get in touch with his mother with no success. Ule started roaming the streets of Brazil getting in and out of trouble.

One night he went to the club with Janet who was five years older than he was. Shortly after arriving Janet saw one of her

customers. He started shouting and asked her who the guy was that she had come with. They rushed after Ule and started hitting him in the face. Ule started hitting back and a massive fight broke out, everyone was punching each other.

Ule managed to run out of the club. Some guys started chasing after him. He ran as fast as he could until the footsteps that were chasing him disappeared. Ule was by then out of breath. He threw himself on the ground gasping for breath. He soon realized that he was bleeding. He was cold, hungry and had nowhere to go. He ended up sleeping on the streets and eating whatever he could find from the bins that was across the street from where he was. The gash on his head was hurting so badly that tears rolled from his eyes. He clenched his feet towards his chest and rolled on the ground sobbing bitterly.

Ule was tired of life, he needed someone to talk to but didn't trust anyone. He was afraid of being judged, hurt and rejected all

over again. He had built a facade of himself, to everyone around him for such a long time, this made him appear as a hard trouble maker, people often feared him and left him alone because of this. So far from the truth he was actually a broken little boy who needed to be loved.

Ule needed someone to care for him, but who had time in busy Brazil. Everyone was rushing to get paid and too busy to care. He rolled on the ground in agony as he flashed back to his father. He would always encourage him to read his books and obey his teachers. Then he remembered his auntie in the village who would always take him to church. She lived just down the road from them. Neither of them were anywhere near him. He had no money nor any means of reaching them.

Ule felt hopeless, it was then he remembered his friend, who would come and tell him about Jesus. He felt as if life was working against him. He didn't know what he had done to deserve that script. Ule decided that he needed help and he needed help fast. He decided to call his friend he had given him his number and told him if he ever needed help he should call. This was the perfect time. He had written his name and number on a piece of paper and had given it to Ule, John Bailey

01897047391, 6 Suncrest Avenue, De Fame. So he took up the phone and dialed the number. John answered on the other end.

Ule started crying as he told John his troubles. Ule never thought he was capable of crying and seemed to be doing so more often than ever. He had built such a wall around himself. Tears just started rushing out like a flood.



Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline

or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

It is the man that will teach his son how to be a man and how to behave like a man. When the Prodigal Son left home he later said I will Luke 15v18 set out and go back to my father and say to him "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you". We need to come to our senses like the Prodigal Son did and search for Our Father's Blessings.

At this point his quality of living was far worst that the pigs he had been hired to take care of. But the Bible made an important analogy in highlighting in Luke 15v17 "When he came to his senses, he said,

'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

When my friend was twenty four he told his father that he wanted to leave home and see what the world had to offer him. He was a smart young man who had already graduated from the university with a degree in physics. Instead of entering in the family business as his father was expecting. He bought a ticket along with some friends he had from high school and left the country to pursue a career in music.

His father was very disappointed nevertheless he supported his venture. After all he was old enough to make an informed decision and seeing he was coming from a Christian home his father had equipped him with everything he needed to know about life. This young man left home and after a few months his life took a turn, one that no one expected nor was proud of.

The scripture in Luke 15v17 says when the young man had come to his senses. Many of us have not yet come to our senses. We are still living in denial and disillusion. What can cause disillusion and denial? This often times happens when we lack our fathers blessings.

Sons are peacemakers in Matthew 5:9 the scripture says Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

A son should endeavour to make peace with his father and with himself no matter the offense. Many emotional scars created in our childhood as a result of fatherlessness have caused us to stray. Often times we didn't choose to be separated from our earthly fathers. As a matter of fact we often didn't have any control of the decision. As in the case of Ule.



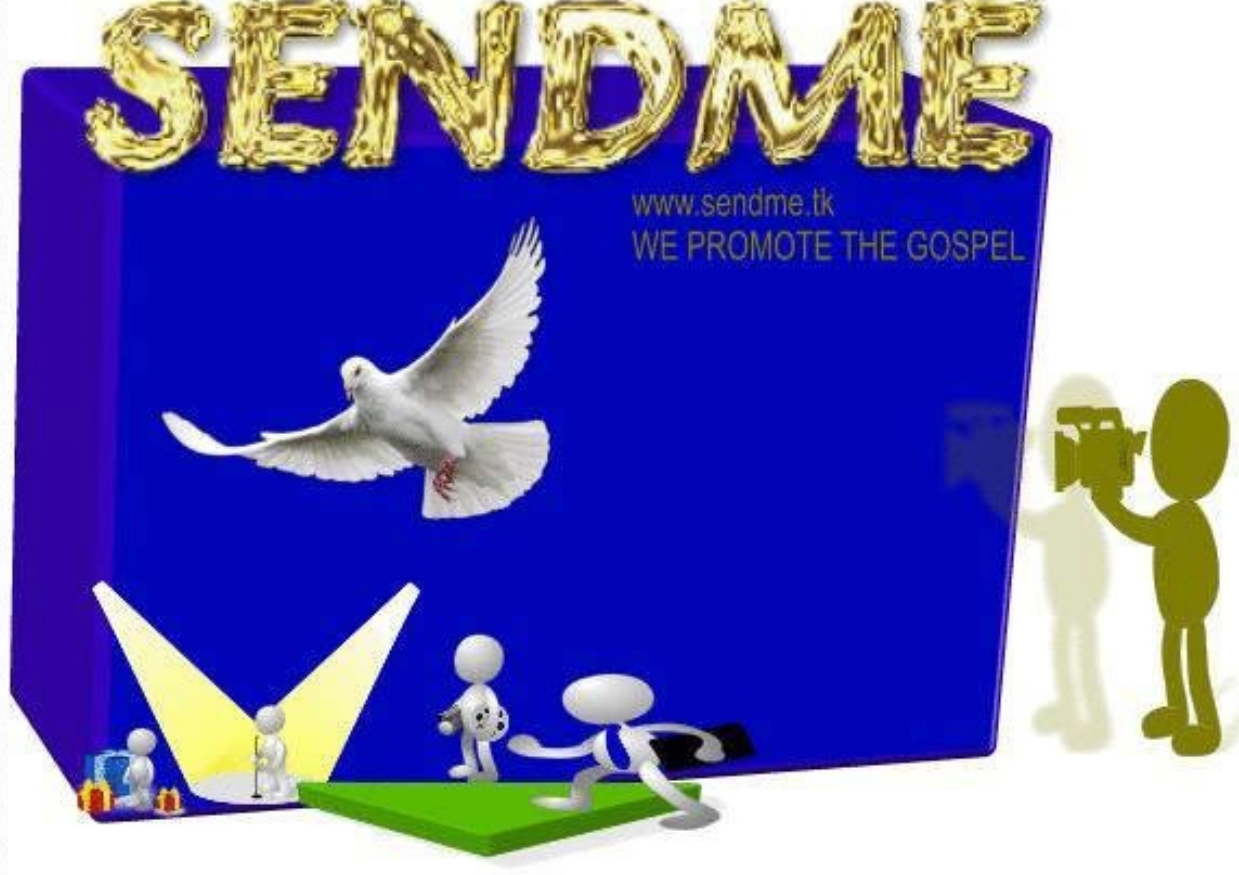
One generation has to take the responsibility to break the chain and the cycle of Fa-

therlessness. How? By submitting to our Heavenly Father who wants to heal us.

Ule went to see his friend John who was a Christian that same night. Ule told John what he had been going through. John told Ule about Jesus and the love of the Father and our Fathers blessings. Ule was in awe of what he had heard. Ule gave his life to the Lord that night and devoted his life to serving God.

Five years later after completing medical school he became a missionary. He had gone back to see his mother who was very happy to see him. Ule forgave his mother, and they worked on mending their relationship.

He later went on a missionary trip with a group of doctors who were going to Tanzania to provide medical care to the same community Ule had come from. It was there he reunited with his father and took him back to Brazil with him. His parents later got back together and started going to church and were saved.



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