

# MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

## 10 Things A Father Can Do To Look Like A Hero To Their Kids

By Bill Denton



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Fathers know a deep, dark secret about their side of parenting. Being a father is confusing and often frightening. Bill Cosby once wrote, "If God had trouble handling children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?" (Cosby was referring to Adam and Eve and their disobedience in the garden.)

Most men want to succeed as fathers. They think they are taking their role seriously. Though many men wouldn't admit it, they are eager for something that will enhance their effectiveness as a father. Dads can become heroes to their children. It takes a lot of work, patience and love, but it's possible. What follows are some suggestions that will help you fight the misperceptions of fathers in your own family by doing some right things with your children.

### Be Around

Few things are as important as your presence. Dads often make lots of excuses. There is work, there is this project or that. There's the civic club, the golf game, the tickets to the ball game or the hunting trip. Twenty years from now your kids won't care about any of that and neither will you. You'll be wondering what happened to the relationship. Your kids need you. Be there.

### Learn How To Encourage

Parents, by nature, tend toward the negative. "Don't" and "can't" are necessary tools. They help keep the kids out of the fire and help them understand it's not good to eat the whole jar of peanut butter at once. But, kids need to know what they can do. Validate their abilities by telling them when they do something well. It will give them courage to do even better.

### Admit Your Faults

If you don't admit your faults, you'll be the only one ignoring them. Admit faults and be man enough to apologize. It will make you more sensitive about how you handle your children's faults. It will also make it easier for your kids to forgive you when you need it.

### Make Trust A Priority

Trust comes two ways. One is to earn it through dependability and consistency. The other way is a gift. Children need to learn both. Show children they can trust you. Earn their trust. Teach them they must earn trust as well. However, there comes a time when you extend trust as a gift. When you do, you will tap into your child's increasing maturity.

### Show Tenderness

Too many American fathers grew up with the "macho-man" idea. Be strong, be tough, be hard, be busy. That's fine if you're a character in a Clint Eastwood cowboy movie, but it doesn't do much for relationships with kids. Children need to see that Dad is touched by some things, that there are emotions inside, and not just angry ones. Little boys and girls need hugs and kisses from big Dads. Many grownups cry because they never heard Dad say, "I love you," or felt a loving embrace from strong arms.

### Love Your Wife

Give your kids the security of a loving marriage.

The single best source of input regarding marriage is from one's parents. Respect your kid's Mom. Be kind to her. Demand that your children respect her as well. Your response to your wife develops a sense of security in your children. Give your kids the security of a loving marriage.

### Respect Authority

Most fathers want to fill the role of authority. However, if you want your children to respect authority they must see it in you. Show respect for God, church, government, and your boss. Show respect for your own parents, if they are still living, or speak of them in ways that show respect if they are no longer around. Your example will instill the right attitude in your children's minds.

### Be A Christian

Take the lead in spiritually nurturing your children. Plant spiritual values in your children's hearts. Teach them about God, Christ and His church. Show them it's important. Talk about death and eternal matters, but illustrate the importance by your own life. God will become important to children when God is important to Dad.

### Teach The Bible To Your Children

Fathers spend thousands of dollars educating children for a job. They often spend little educating them for a life. The Bible will help your kids know how to live. You should be the primary instructor. One simple way to do this is to get a children's Bible and read 1 story a night with your children when they are young. As they grow older, simply go to more grown up Bible stories until you are actually reading the Bible with them, or discussing what they have read in Scripture on their own.

### Be Fun

There are plenty of times for seriousness. Your kids need to know that you can laugh and have fun. Lighten up! Everything is not earth-shatteringly important. Laugh at jokes, mistakes and yourself. Let some things happen with a smile instead of a frown. Your kids will think that you're great fun to be with. Bet you'd like that, wouldn't you?

## PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

### SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

10 AM

6 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY

PRAYER- 7 PM

June 17- Fathers Day

June 21-23- District Ladies Conference

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# SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## *Tasha Lambright*



- 1. Where are you originally from?** I was born in Texas but I spent most of my life in Mexico, Missouri. Which was where we lived before moving here.
- 2. How did you come to find God?** I am 4th generation apostolic Pentecostal. And I don't plan on leaving God for anything; He is so good.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was 8 when I was baptized. Me and my sister were baptized the same day. I will never forget it. I was scared of water; I screamed and cried the whole time. But I got courage and got it done.
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** I was 7. I got it at youth convention in Columbia, Missouri. It was on April 8 and my birthday is April 9. I always think of it as an early birthday present.
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** It will have to be Joshua 24:15. "As for me and my house will we serve the Lord".
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.**  
A year ago we didn't have a vehicle, or our own place. Now we have 4 vehicles and we our renting a house. We have been blessed.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** I really don't have any, my little Emma keeps me busy.
- 8. Favorite type of food?** Mexican

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next couple of months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

**Mark 1:35**

*"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."*



### WORDS OF INSIGHT

*1 Timothy 2:8 "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."*

*1 John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone into the world."*

**Drive back every spirit that will destroy  
Invade the devil's territory, drive back these spirits with  
reaching for the Spirit of God.  
Lift up holy hands in victory and having no doubt!**

**John 10:10- "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."  
Satan can only do this by lying and deceiving.**



## LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, by Fran Lane

### *First of a series:*

In Luke 11:1, Jesus' disciples had a request: "Lord, teach us to pray." They rightly suspected that the great strength He drew came through prayer. They often saw Him go off early in the morning, before dawn, to pray upon the mountain. They knew too, that He often spent all night in prayer because His heart was so burdened for the lost sheep. Is our heart thus burdened? Do we have a burden for the lost; for unsaved loved ones, neighbors, co-workers, or even, for the stranger on the street? If so, then let us learn how to effectively use the power that Jesus gave us through prayer. Let us ask Him—"Lord teach us to pray."

### **Our Father—to whom**

Romans 8:15. "So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family -calling him 'Father, dear Father.' ["Abba, Father."]"

Galatians 4:5 "God sent him [Jesus]to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children."

Ephesians 1:5 "His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure."

Matthew 7:11 "If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him."

First, we must realize to whom we are talking. We are talking to a loving Father. I once heard someone say that we were not so important to God because we were adopted (as the above verses reveal). However, I beg to differ with that person. I was adopted by an earthly father, and he once told me that I was very special to Him, because if I had been his natural child he would have had no choice in the matter, but he chose me to be his child. Beloved, God chose us to be His children. Yes, He is our Father!

### **Which art in Heaven—where**

2 Chronicles 20:6 "He prayed, 'O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!'"

2 Chronicles 6:30 "Then hear from heaven where you live, and forgive. Give your people whatever they deserve, for you alone know the human heart."

Exodus 20:22 "And the Lord said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: You are witnesses that I have spoken to you from heaven."

It is extremely important that we remember that our Father is in a place where we will go someday. His dwelling place is so far above us, and yet He is right here within us. He is God's house, and in His house "there are many mansions." Remembering this will also help us to keep God in perspective. Too many of us worship such a little God. Go outside at night, look up into heaven so that you can see, and realize that not only did our God create that splendor, but, it is only a TINY part of the whole creation and only the first of three heavens. The Scriptures tell us that God dwells in the third heaven.

To be continued. . .



## CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS



Tyler Sapp  
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer  
Michael Kruger  
Medicine Crow Family  
Marty McFate  
Carol Penrod  
Galen Walter  
The Price family

If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: [coonfare03@yahoo.com](mailto:coonfare03@yahoo.com)

# June 2012



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3	4 Concessions Game	5	6	7 Concessions	8 Special Service	9 District Quiz Finals  7 pm Prayer
10	11 Concessions Game	12	13	14 Concessions	15	16
17 Fathers Day - one service	18 Concessions  6:15 Game	19	20	21 District Ladies Conference	22 District Ladies Conference	23 7 pm Prayer
24 10 am One Service Only	25 Concessions  6:15 Game	26	27	28 Concessions	29	30 7 pm Prayer

## District Ladies Conference Registration Information

Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Road, Billings  
Speakers - Gwyn Oakes & Vonnie Lopez  
\$70 for all sessions and banquet; \$15 at the door for each service  
Ages 13-16 attend for half price

Registration Forms or in the vestibule or can be downloaded from [www.rmdupci.org](http://www.rmdupci.org).  
For more info, see Sis. Sermon

### Micah 6:8 Ladies Project

Our ladies will be taking part in a Micah 6:8 ladies' project.

We ladies have been given the opportunity to bless a family in our community. We will be gathering basic essential baby items. These items should be new or lightly used. The gender of the baby is a girl. These items can be placed in the trunk which will be located in the foyer.

See Sis. Sermon with questions or item suggestions.  
Thank you for being a part of this outreach effort.



### UpComing Events:



June 21&22- District Ladies Conference  
July 4th- Church Picnic  
July 12th-13th- Youth Trip - Variety  
July 19th-21st- Wyola Camp  
July 21st- Secret Sister Luau  
July 29th- Friends Day AM Service  
July 30th- Aug. 2- Family Camp, Hungry Horse, MT

### Mexican Lasagna

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 pounds ground chicken breast, available in the packaged meats case
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 1 cup medium heat taco sauce or 1 (14-oz) can stewed or fire roasted tomatoes
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- Salt
- 8 (8 inch) spinach flour tortillas, available on dairy aisle of market
- 2 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar or shredded pepper jack

#### Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

Preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil - twice around the pan. Add chicken and season with chili powder, cumin, and red onion. Brown the meat, 5 minutes. Add taco sauce or stewed or fire roasted tomatoes. Add black beans and corn. Heat the mixture through, 2 to 3 minutes then season with salt, to your taste.

Coat a shallow baking dish with remaining extra-virgin olive oil, about 1 tablespoon oil. Cut the tortillas in half or quarters to make them easy to layer with. Build lasagna in layers of meat and beans, then tortillas, then cheese. Repeat: meat, tortilla, cheese again. Bake lasagna 12 to 15 minutes until cheese is brown and bubbly.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH





## *How to Increase Your Faith*

I am a long time fan of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories. Holmes is a compelling character. He almost always solves the crime. Rarely does anyone get the best of him. Regardless of how sparse the facts or clues, Mr. Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson get to the bottom of the mystery. Over time, I have become confident in Holmes' abilities. I have come to trust his talent. I have faith he will do what he says he will do.

I was recently pondering this and my thoughts turned to my relationship with God. I found it amazing how I could have unwavering faith in Sherlock, but then sometimes my faith in Jesus would falter. Why do we doubt God at times? Why don't we have more faith? Most of us would admit we want greater faith, but how do we obtain more faith?

Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hearing God's Word cultivates our faith. We try to offset six days of worldly pessimism and humanistic thinking with two messages on Sunday and one mid-week. If we want to combat the world and grow our faith, we should ingest more of the Word. Do you drive to work? Listen to sermons on tape or CD. Do you have internet access? Listen to or watch messages online. Fill your mind with the renewing Word of God and your faith will increase.

In addition to listening to the Word, prayer and fasting will also increase your faith. Matthew's Gospel tells the story of the disciples' inability to cast out a demon. After Jesus successfully frees the boy, the disciples ask, "Why could not we cast him out?" (Matthew 17:19). Jesus' response is clear: "Because of your unbelief." He then powerfully declares, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting (vs. 20). Jesus wasn't saying the disciples didn't have any faith. He was saying they didn't have the level of faith necessary to perform the task, a level attainable only by prayer and fasting. Prayer builds a relationship with God. As you draw closer to God, your faith in Him increases. James 4:8 tells us, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Fasting brings humility (Psalm 35:13). This humility builds our faith in Jesus Christ and not in ourselves. These two things together, prayer and fasting, build a sure platform for a stronger faith.

Jesus' apostles approached Him one day and said, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). His response is well-known, but often misunderstood: "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you" (Luke 17:6). Some interpret this to mean all you must have is a little bit of faith, and nothing shall be impossible to you. This interpretation doesn't make sense in light of the fact Jesus chided people on five occasions, declaring, "O ye of little faith." (Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8, Luke 12:28). So what did Jesus mean?

The mustard seed is small, but it grows to be a large shrub. What's important is not its beginning size, but its ending size. While it starts small, it grows to be much larger. It has potential. Jesus was not telling us to have a little faith. He was telling us to stretch and grow our faith. So why didn't he compare faith to an acorn and an oak, surely a more distinct pair of opposites? Why a mustard seed and a shrub? Size is not the only notable difference. It's true that the mustard shrub isn't the largest. However, it does something that an oak can never do – it flavors. It enhances. Our faith is meant to do more than "just grow." Our faith should enhance those around us. It should add spice to the lives of our family, friends, and co-workers.

Faith is not static – it can be increased. We can grow our faith by hearing and absorbing the Word of God. We can also increase our faith by praying and fasting. And the beautiful thing is that, in the process of bettering ourselves, we better those around us. As we reach for our potential in God, others will benefit from our rising faith. Growing our faith is not difficult. Increasing our faith is not hard. In fact, as Sherlock Holmes would say, it is, "Elementary, my dear Watson."

# MAKING TIME FOR GOD

By, Larissa Timme



Have you ever felt that there are just not enough hours in the day to get all the things done that you need to? Where you just need a pause button on you life so you can keep up. You have school for seven hours and then you are probably in after school clubs or sports. Once you get home you have to do at least an hour to two hours of homework. Add more time on if you need to complete an essay or a 30 minute speech. You might have a job in which you have to work until 10 at night. Then you have to come home and wash up before you go to bed. Multiply all that by a 5 day school week and you are a sleep deprived individual. But this is not a life for a young person to have in order to live victoriously for God.

Matthew 6:33

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Especially with summer just around the corner our schedules might not be as hectic as the one I just described. But if we put God first in our lives, we will find the time to complete the things we need to. By putting God first we might have to wake up just a little bit early to read God's Word and to pray. But there are better blessings that God has in store for us than getting 30 minutes more of sleep. God has much bigger and better things in store, like seeing our prayers being answered and doors being opened.

## Youth For June :

1- Girls Bible Study @7pm

8- Girls Bible Study@7 pm

15- Girls Bible Study @ 6 / Youth@ 7

Check out **SOLD OUT** Youth Group Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!



## GIRLS NIGHT-BIBLE STUDY

Jenae Ziegler has a burden in giving our youth girls a Bible Study that will help them be guided and directed in making the right choices living in today's world.

These classes will start at 7 pm at the church, except on youth nights they will start at 6 pm.

If you have questions feel free to ask Jenae; also, if your daughter needs a ride to the church on these nights please contact her.



*If you would like a private Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.*

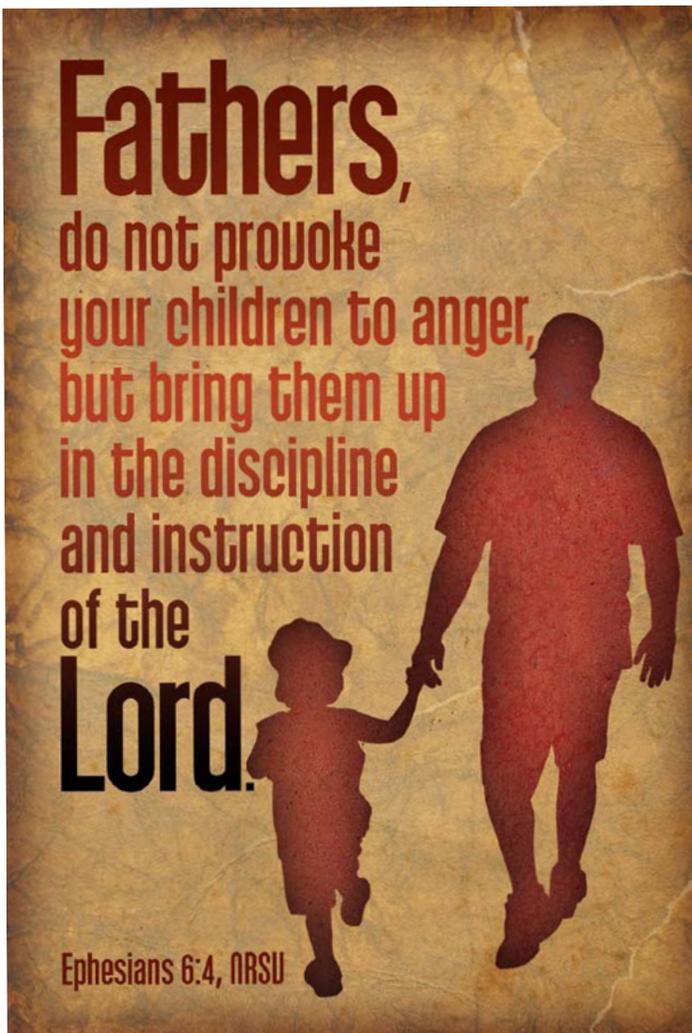


## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Tiara Walks/Trenton Gursky  
4-Drake Coonfare  
5-Theresa Bailey  
14-Bob Holston  
17-Jason Ruff  
21-Becky Wittman  
29-JoAnn Locke/George Walks



3-Matt & Joann Walsh  
5-David & Shonna Walks  
10-Randy & Deanna Timme  
22-Edward & Regina Sermon



## Ponder This...

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!”

—Lydia M. Child

“More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes after the worse.” —Doug Larson