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**-From FAITH to FAITH-
Fathers, are you absent or abiding?**

Thank you for participating in the *Abiding Fathers* series. Would you be willing to share answers to all or portions of the list of questions below? Yes ___ No ___ At the end, you are invited to add as much or as little as you think would be meaningful. We believe you will find this to be very rewarding, both for you and us. Unless you choose to reveal your identity, your name will not be requested or ever quoted. Thank you for your valuable contribution.

Section 1

- 1) Your age? ___ Male ___ Female ___ Married ___ Single ___
- 2) Did you know your father when growing up? Yes ___ No ___
- 3) If No, please skip to Section 2.
- 4) Was he your biological ___ adopted ___ step ___ father?
- 5) Is he still living? Yes ___ No ___
- 6) Do you have children? Yes ___ No ___
- 7) Does he have an influence on them? Positive ___ Negative ___ None ___
- 8) Overall, what influence did he have in your life? Positive ___ Negative ___
- 9) Do you think he loved you? Yes ___ No ___ Not sure ___
- 10) Do you think he understood the role of fathers? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 11) Did he take the responsibility seriously? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 12) Did he show his love verbally ___ non-verbally ___ both ___ neither? ___
- 13) Did you love your father? Yes ___ No ___ Do you now? Yes ___ No ___
- 14) Was he a role model to you? Yes ___ No ___ Positive? ___ Negative? ___
- 15) What attributes did you like about him? _____
- 16) What attributes did you not like about him? _____
- 17) How would you describe your father? _____
- 18) Did he affirm you? Always ___ Occasionally ___ Never ___
- 19) Did he do the best job he could to be your father? Yes ___ No ___ I guess ___
- 20) Did he discipline you? Yes ___ No ___ Fairly ___ Unfairly ___
- 21) Did your father travel extensively? Some ___ A lot ___ Never ___ Too much ___
- 22) Did you ever witness your father praying? Yes ___ No ___ Occasionally ___
- 23) Did he teach you the value of prayer? Yes ___ No ___
- 24) Did he read the Bible with you? Yes ___ No ___
- 25) Was he involved in church? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___ Too much ___
- 26) Did your family take family vacations? Yes ___ No ___ Seldom ___ Often ___

- 27) Were these important to you? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 28) Did your father provide you a safe environment? Yes ___ No ___
- 29) Was your father equipped to be a parent? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 30) Do you think fathers are responsible for problems in our society? Y ___ No ___
- 31) Did you feel your father fulfilled his role? Yes ___ No ___ Not sure ___
- 32) Did any other man serve as a surrogate father to you? Yes ___ No ___
- 33) Did your dad teach you the value of and how to work? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 34) Was your father the leader in the family? Yes ___ No ___
- 35) If no, who was? _____ Should he have been? Yes ___ No ___
- 36) Did he support you in your endeavors? Yes ___ No ___
- 37) Did he frustrate you ___ or enable you ___ Neither ___?
- 38) Did he attend your activities? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
- 39) What did you and he do together? _____
- 40) Was your father faithful to your mother? Yes ___ No ___
- 41) If no, how did that impact you? _____
- 42) Did he express love to your mother? Yes ___ No ___ Lots ___ Seldom ___
- 43) Was that positive ___ negative ___ didn't matter ___?
- 44) Would you want to be like your father? Yes ___ No ___ in some ways _____
- 45) Was your father an encourager? Yes ___ No ___ sometimes ___
- 46) Was your relation with him peaceful ___ strained ___ caustic ___ none ___?
- 47) What do you think he did best? _____
- 48) Worst? _____
- 49) Did your father have a good ___ bad ___ strong ___ relationship with his parents?
- 50) Did your father ever threaten you or any of your family? Yes ___ No ___
- 51) If yes, in what way and how often? _____
- 52) Was he a chemical abuser? Alcohol ___ drugs ___ None ___
- 53) Was he interested in your school performance? Yes ___ No ___ a little ___
- 54) What was his educational level? Drop out ___ High ___ College ___ Beyond ___
- 55) Was he an entrepreneur ___ company employee ___ governmental ___
- 56) Did he teach you about his business or work? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 57) Were you mostly happy ___ to see your father or fearful ___?
- 58) Was he engaged in your family's life? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 59) Were you proud to call him your father? Yes ___ No ___ sometimes ___
- 60) Did your friends like him? Yes ___ No ___ some did _____
- 61) Would you like to be just like him as an adult? Yes ___ No ___
- 62) If you are an adult, how are you like him? _____
- 63) Not like him? _____
- 64) Are you trying to not ___ be like him, like ___ him or not trying either way? ___
- 65) What irritated you most about him? _____
- 66) Were you involved in a family divorce? Yes ___ No ___
- 67) If yes, what primarily caused it? _____
- 68) How did it impact you? _____
- 69) Are you now a Christian ___ or non-Christian ___?
- 70) Did he ever share the gospel of salvation with you? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___
- 71) Did your father regularly ___ seldom ___ never ___ read the Bible at home?
- 72) Do you give your father credit ___ or blame ___ for the way your life turned out?

- 73) Rank your father's spiritual life. very ___ lukewarm ___ none ___
- 74) What number child were you? Only ___ other # ___
- 75) Did your dad equip you to be a parent? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 76) Did he ever give you a verbal 'blessing'? Yes ___ No ___
- 77) Was your mother the dominant personality? Yes ___ No ___
- 78) If yes, did this impact your father in his role? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 79) How? _____
- 80) Did you grow up wanting to have children of your own? Yes ___ No ___
- 81) Would you have picked your father if you had a choice? Yes ___ No ___
- 82) Why, either way? _____
- 83) Are you close to your father now? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 84) Do you think fathers play a vital role in family life? Yes ___ No ___
- 85) Did yours? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 86) Would you have ever nominated him as 'Father of the Year'? Yes ___ No ___
- 87) In the home, was your father absent ___ ambivalent ___ abiding ___?
- 88) Do you think he was pleased with you as his child? Yes ___ No ___
- 89) How did he express his feelings to you? _____
- 90) Did he ever say, I love you? Yes ___ No ___ More than once? Yes ___ No ___
- 91) Was he a Christian ___ Non-Christian ___ when you were growing up?
- 92) Was he the spiritual leader in the home? Yes ___ No ___
- 93) Is he a grandfather now? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how would you describe him? _____
- 94) Did God give dads the leadership role in the family? Yes ___ No ___ Not sure ___
- 95) Was he touchy-feely ___ distant ___ strict ___ fair ___ understanding ___?
- 96) If he disciplined, was it usually accompanied by anger ___ patience ___?
- 97) Did you feel comfortable having your friends know your father? Yes ___ No ___
- 98) Did your father regularly counsel you on issues of life? Yes ___ No ___ Some ___
- 99) Males only-did he celebrate with you a passage into manhood? Yes ___ No ___
- 100) Females-did he affirm you in your passage into womanhood? Yes ___ No ___
- 101) If yes, M & F, what did that mean to you? _____
- _____
- _____
- 102) Female-did you feel comfortable having your girlfriends around him? Y ___ N ___
- 103) How would you label him? Weak ___ Man's man ___ Hero ___
- 104) Was he a leader ___ follower ___ easily led ___ man of conviction ___?

What would you write on His tombstone to sum up his life? _____

What proud moment(s) do you remember about your father?

How does the view of your earthly father impact your view of your Heavenly Father? _____

Please share any thoughts you have relative to the questions or anything else that are pertinent to the role of fathers/your father.

Use additional pages if necessary. We value your input. Please go to the last page.

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Section 2

Use this section if you answered No to question 2 of Section 1. You may also choose to answer any or all questions in Section 1.

- 1) What were the circumstances? Death___Divorce___Abandoned___Other___
- 2) When did the separation start? _____
- 3) Is he still living? Yes___No___Don't know___Don't care___
- 4) If living, does he have contact with you? Yes___No___Often___Rarely___
- 5) Describe your relationship with him, if any. _____
- 6) How did it affect you? Angry___abandoned___cheated___resentful___sad___
bitter___depressed___envious___suicidal___drugs___gangs___truancy___
crime___determined___promiscuous___other_____
- 7) Did your mother try to fill the role? Yes___No___Somewhat___
- 8) Was it effective? Yes___No___Somewhat___
- 9) Rank your spiritual life. None___Struggling___Growing___
- 10) Do you have children of your own? Yes___No___
- 11) If no, do you want to have children? Yes___No___Maybe___
- 12) If yes, how would you rate your relationship with them? Good___Poor___Fair___
- 13) Were you provided with another father figure? Yes___No___
- 14) By adoption___foster___step father___family member___other___
- 15) Were you ever involved in counseling to assist you? Yes___No___
- 16) Did it help? Much___some___none___
- 17) Do you think it is important to have a father in your life? Yes___No___Maybe___
- 18) Would you have turned out different with a father? Yes___No___Maybe___
- 19) Would it have been more positive___or negative___?
- 20) What effect on your understanding of God did this have? None___A lot___
- 21) Was it positive___or negative___?
- 22) Do you blame God in any way for your circumstances? Yes___No___Some___
- 23) Would you ever abandon your children? Yes___No___Possible___

- 24) Do you think not having a father will affect your parenting? Yes ___ No ___
- 25) If yes, in what way(s)? _____
- 26) Do you understand the 'father wound'? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 27) Do you think you have been affected by it? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 28) Have you ever asked your father to forgive you for your negative feelings toward him? Yes ___ No ___ Never thought I needed to ___
- 29) If living, have you ever attempted to reconcile the relationship? Yes ___ No ___
- 30) If yes, in what way? _____
- 31) Has he ever tried to reconcile with you? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat _____
- 32) If yes, has it worked? Yes ___ No ___ Somewhat ___
- 33) Do children benefit from having a grandfather? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe _____
- 34) If married, did your spouse have a father in their life? Yes ___ No ___
- 35) Was he biological ___ or other ___?
- 36) If yes, do you relate well ___ poorly ___ to him?
- 37) Do you mainly blame your father for the way you have turned out? Yes ___ No ___
- 38) What three things will you do differently as a result of your father issue? _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- 39) Can you love your father in light of your relationship? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe _____
- 40) Would you consider seeking him out and attempt reconciliation? Yes ___ No ___

What would you say to him if he came into your life? _____

Use the following space to share anything you deem helpful for you or others. _____

For Section 1 & 2 respondents. Was this questionnaire helpful and in what way(s)?

Thank you for participating. The following is optional. You are not required to provide. Should you want further input about these issues, we would use your info below to contact you. Yes ___ I want someone to contact me.

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