



**It's the men  
who are letting  
everyone down!**



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So God created man **in His own image**,  
in the image of God He created him;  
**male** and **female** He created them.

(Genesis 1:27)



Then the LORD God said,  
“It is not good that the man should be alone;  
**I will make him a helper fit for him.”**

(Genesis 2:18)

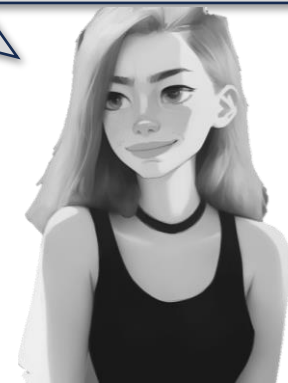
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- **Nature** plays the greater role in girls becoming mature
- **Culture** plays the greater role in boys becoming men
- Our culture is not doing well here

I can see the boys,  
but where are the men?



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- Our culture does not have a positive view of manhood.
- Many men are living without a sense of purpose because of changes in the economy and in families.
- Many boys are not being well equipped for manhood because of absent or uninvolved fathers.



# The role of men

## 1. To be the head of his own family

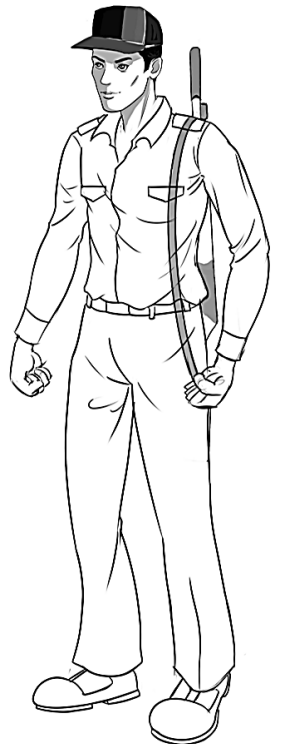
- “A man shall leave his father and mother...” (Genesis 2:24)

## 2. To provide

- By earning a living for his family by his labour

## 3. To protect

- Taking responsibility for his family’s safety and security



# changed The role of men



## 1. To be the head of his own family

- The headship of men is seen as “patriarchal” and negative

## 2. To provide

- Men and women are both working - he is not essential

## 3. To protect

- There are fewer physical needs and more resources





# changed The role of men

- Many men are living without a fulfilling purpose.

Therefore:

- Anger and frustration
- Short term distractions and “big boy’s toys”
- Bad examples to boys and young men



# changed The role of men



- **Absent or distracted fathers are not preparing boys for the responsibilities of manhood.**

Therefore:

- Immaturity continues: 2-year-old 18-year-olds
- “I deserve”, not “I serve”
- Unwilling to work and wait - “I want it now!”
- Boys are lost to a dark fantasy world online



# unchanged The role of men in Christ

The head of every  
man is Christ  
(1 Corinthians 11:3)

## 1. To be the head of his own family

- To bring into his home the headship of Christ

## 2. To provide

- To provide by his labour and by making wise and godly decisions

## 3. To protect

- To protect his children from harm by providing for them something better than the seduction of endless screens



# God made us different

## After football:

Mum: Did you get hurt?

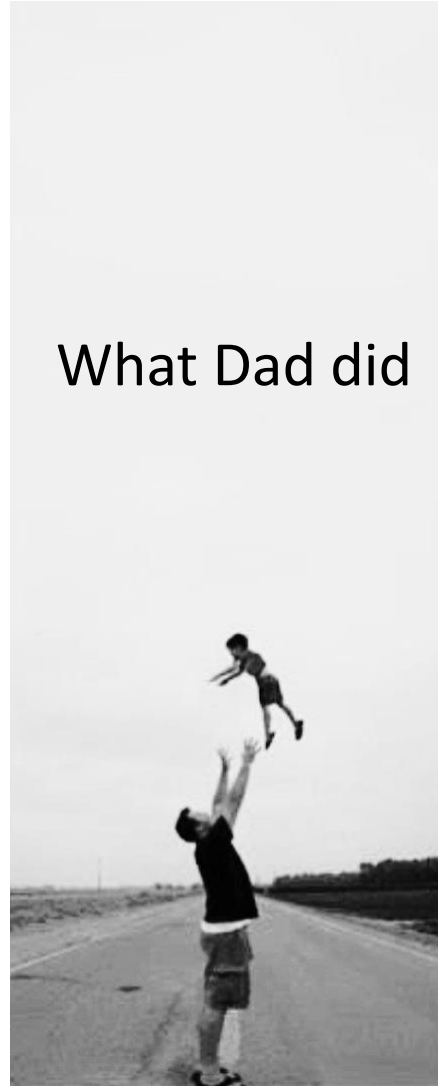
Dad: Did you win?

## Climbing a tree:

Mum: Be careful!

Dad: How high can you go?

What Dad did



What the child  
felt



What Mum  
"saw"



# God made us different

- God intended that children be raised by a father and a mother. Both have a unique contribution to make.
- A father's godly training is of great benefit to sons particularly.
- Well trained sons will make better husbands and fathers.
- **We can all grow and prosper in Christ despite our broken lives.** He is the healer and *the Good Shepherd* - Psalm 23





# The task before us

## What?

Changes in our society have caused men and boys to lose a sense of purpose. Boys are remaining immature, unprepared for adult responsibilities.

## So what?

When men fail to fulfill their proper role, we all suffer loss, and often the problem is reproduced in boys who have lacked good training.

## Now what?

**This is the most important question.**

**We need your ideas, insights and suggestions...**

