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“God is shaking his daughters awake and
summoning us to engage.”

The Absent Father Dilemma

“Absent fathers are defined as those who do not interact with their children on a regular basis and consequently do not play a significant role in their development. Divorce, death and abandonment are all forms of absence”

The Absent Father Dilemma

-USA Today states that 40% of kids whose parents are divorced have not seen their father in at least a year.

-Ten years after a divorce, more than two-thirds of those living with their mother haven't see their father for a year.

What can be done about absentee fathers?
By Ron Klinger USA Today July 1998

REASONS FOR ABSENTEE FATHERS

- Death
- Divorce
- Prison
- Military
- Unwed Pregnancy
- Work (50+ hours, business trips)

EFFECTS OF AN ABSENT FATHER

-Research shows that girls who grow up with an absent father begin their periods earlier in life.

-Girls without a father in the home were twice as likely to start their periods by seventh grade and seven times more likely to experience pregnancy in adolescence than girls with fathers who were present.

EFFECTS OF AN ABSENT FATHER

-Girls with absent father's have an altered perception of men.

-Girls without a father in the home have difficulty forming lasting relationships.

-Desperation for male attention is also a ramification of absent fathers.

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-girls without fathers more often than those with present fathers lack confidence and assurance.

-Girls without a father in the home have difficulty forming lasting relationships.

EFFECTS OF AN ABSENT FATHER

Girls with absent fathers:

- are more likely to be unwed mothers.
- become sexually active earlier.
- less likely to attend college, or finish college.
- low self-esteem, lack of confidence, feelings of insecurity.

THE FATHER'S ROLE

- Impart a daughter with security and safety

- Identify his daughter as worthy, valuable and loveable

- Model healthy male-female relationship

- Affirm his daughter's gifts, qualities and talents

AFFECTS ON HOW A DAUGHTER SEES HERSELF

-Unlovable

-Incapable

-Worthless

-Insecure, weak

LIES CAUSED BY A FATHER'S ABSENCE

-God can not love me

-God is like my earthly father

-I need a man/husband

TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE

-God's unconditional love

John 15:13, Romans 5:8, 8:32, 38-39,
Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 John 4:7-10

-God is the loving father

Proverbs 3:12, Psalm 68:5, Psalm 146:9
Hebrews 12:9-10, Isaiah 9:6 and 1 John
3:1

-God is sufficient

Psalm 23:1, 73:23-26, Colossians 3:9-10

HOW THIS AFFECTS MINISTRY

- There is a need to be aware of this issue and it's affects on girls and women
- Be aware of, and look for opportunities to speak God's truth into this brokenness
- Awareness allows us to better walk with those who will struggle with the deeply rooted pains caused by an absent father

THIS IS BUT ONE ISSUE FACING
WOMEN TODAY, MANY OTHERS
AFFECT WOMEN DAILY AND IT IS
UP TO KINGDOM-EZERS TO ACT ON
BEHALF OF THESE ISSUES

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