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**THE SHAME AND POWER OF A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY:  
A FATHER'S DAY MEDITATION**

Scripture:

## Lessons

1. Your dysfunctional family background does not keep you from being great in the Kingdom of God. And very useful to God.
  2. You dads: do not be discouraged as you see your family as less than perfect; not what you hoped for when you wanted kids.
    - a) It shows you your need of a Savior  
When you realize how far short you come in leading your family, you find hope in Jesus, the God of Jacob, Who blessed him!
    - b) Unbelievers see a family they can relate to as they see you repenting and leaning hard on Jesus
- A family living by the Gospel, not their “perfection,” is the great apologetic in our culture of broken families, loneliness, and cynicism.
3. Do continue to learn how to lovingly lead your family better, for God will bless that. But the focus is on knowing Jesus, not mastering techniques

So this Father’s Day, cheer up!  
Get your eyes off of yourself, onto Jesus. A big Savior for broken families.  
Victor Hugo: “Be like the bird who...”

Who welcomes you to that Family that will one day be perfect!