

Amazing Grace for Dads
Who've Failed & Fall Short

8 Encouragements

#1 If you feel inadequate in your role, that's _____; in fact, that's _____; in fact, that's a _____!

2 Corinthians 2:16. "Who is adequate for these things?"

2 Corinthians 3:5. "Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God."

#2 If you feel as if you have only a little to offer, know that God can do _____ with little.

John 6. "(9) 'There is a lad here who has five loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?' . . . (11) Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish...."

#3 If you have sinned and failed as a father, know that you have _____ with God.

Ephesians 1:7. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."

#4 If you have sinned and failed as a father, know that _____ can even use your _____.

Romans 8:28. "And we know that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Genesis 37. “(3) Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic. (4) His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.”

#5 If you have sinned, such failures give you the opportunity to do something really powerful – _____ to those you’ve hurt, and confess your sins to _____.

A true apology involves....

- Confessing sin forthrightly
- Making a big deal of your sin
- Taking full responsibility for your sin
- Desiring to enter into the hurt of other
- Asking for forgiveness from the one you sinned against

James 5:16. “Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.”

#6 If you have sinned, such failures give you the opportunity to do something really powerful – _____.

I Timothy 4:15. “...so that your progress may be evident to all.”

#7 Realize that God chose _____ over all others to nurture and instruct your children.

Ephesians 6:4. “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

#8 Realize there is no ministry in the church more _____ than yours.

1 Timothy 3:15. "...I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church"

3:4. [*elder*] "he must be one who manages his own household"

3:5. [*a man*] "...if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?"

3:12. [*deacons*] "good manages of their children and their own households"

5:8. [*a man*] "...provide for . . . his household"