

## **FATHER'S DAY 2023 (COPY THAT)**

### **CHALLENGING TIMES ESPECIALLY FOR MEN**

- An attack on men
  1. Reported higher levels of suicide and sense of purposelessness
  2. Mixed messages from society
- Where do we look for clarity?
  1. Don't look to culture - constantly changing
  2. God's plans and models are fixed and eternal (*1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV*)

### **AN EARLY FATHER'S EXAMPLE (Genesis 22:1-8 NKJV)**

- Abraham modeled a devotion to God
  1. He loved Issac but
  2. His respect and obedience to God showed
- Abraham modeled worship / service to God
  1. Issac was accustomed to seeing sacrifices
  2. Doing things for God was not a new concept for Issac
- Abraham created an environment of faith
  1. He trusted God for Issac's future
  2. Issac trusted his father
  3. Issac would later develop his own faith in God

### **LIVING AS A GOOD EXAMPLE (1 Thessalonians 2:10-11 NKJV)**

- The messages in our actions
  1. The top message we send
  2. Church is part of the equation - not the only part
  3. How we treat others and conduct our lives (justly, blamelessly)
- The messages in our words
  1. Using words that encourage those in our world
  2. Using words that bring comfort
  3. Using words to challenge those we influence
- Create an environment of faith
  1. A world plagued with fear needs examples of faith
  2. We trust God - for the future of those we love
  3. Objective - make it easier for others to trust God