

## **“When Fathers Are Faithful”** (Genesis 22.1-14)

### **Faithful fathers \_\_\_\_\_ their relationship with God more than anything**

1. No \_\_\_\_\_ is too \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure this relationship is right
  - 1) God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_, even when we don't understand why
  - 2) Let \_\_\_\_\_ stand in the way of your relationship with God (Matthew 18.8-9)

2. Know that your children are \_\_\_\_\_ your faithfulness or lack thereof

### **Faithful fathers \_\_\_\_\_ their families unashamedly**

1. This begins with love for your \_\_\_\_\_
2. An important component in this is to be a father who \_\_\_\_\_ his children
  - 1) That's a trait of our \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 49.13)

- 2) Whether or not comfort is experienced in \_\_\_\_\_ has lasting effects in later life

- 3) Like God, we can extend comfort when they deserve it \_\_\_\_\_

### **Faithful fathers \_\_\_\_\_ for their children incessantly**

1. Prayer is our most powerful \_\_\_\_\_, able to marshal all the forces of heaven (James 5.16-18)
2. Three Biblical ways to pray for your children:
  - 1) Pray for their future \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 24)
  - 2) Pray for God to \_\_\_\_\_ their future (Genesis 48.15-16)
  - 3) Pray that they'll \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God (1 Chronicles 29.19)

**Additional Scripture reference:** 2 Corinthians 1.3-4; Luke 19.10; 2 Timothy 2.13