



FIGHT ZONE

Biblical 414 Manifesto

“Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

“Fight For Your Sons”

Genesis 6 - 9

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1. The _____ of a Father (Chapter 6)

-as a father you may never be _____, but if you are unrighteous, you will never be _____

2. The _____ of a Father (Chapter 7)

-as a father you cannot _____ the call to fight for your son

3. The _____ of a Father (Chapter 8)

-Faithfulness to _____

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•a son doesn’t need a _____, a son needs a dad who loves the _____

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Additional Notes

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A Father's Prayer by General Douglas MacArthur (May 1952)

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge. Lead him I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, have not lived in vain.

Follow-up: **Share with your sparring partner this week outside Fight Zone**

Partner Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

As you think about today's message, answer the following questions:

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a command to obey?
4. Is there a sin to avoid?
5. Is there a new thought to carry with me?
6. What action step will I implement this week?

TABLE SPARRING



As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens the countenance of his friend. Proverb 27:17

Questions:

1. Discuss the value of living a consistent, righteous lifestyle in front of your son.
 - a. Was a righteous lifestyle modeled for you by your father?
 - b. What “gray areas” can you remove from your life to fight for your son?
2. Discuss the current passivity of men “in the church” fighting for their sons.
 - a. In what ways have you “watered down” the fight for your son?
 - b. What actions is God calling you to obediently fight for your son?
3. Discuss the pressures from our culture (our wives) to be a perfect father.
 - a. In what ways can you improve your relationship with the Father?
 - b. In what ways can you show increased faith/love for your son?

*****BONUS*****

Read Luke 15:11-32

As you read this familiar scripture, can you identify positive and beneficial actions that the father did that helped this younger son the rest of his life? Identify your own feelings about how you would have handled this today.

As you see the final results for the younger (prodigal) son, what word most describes what the father did for him.