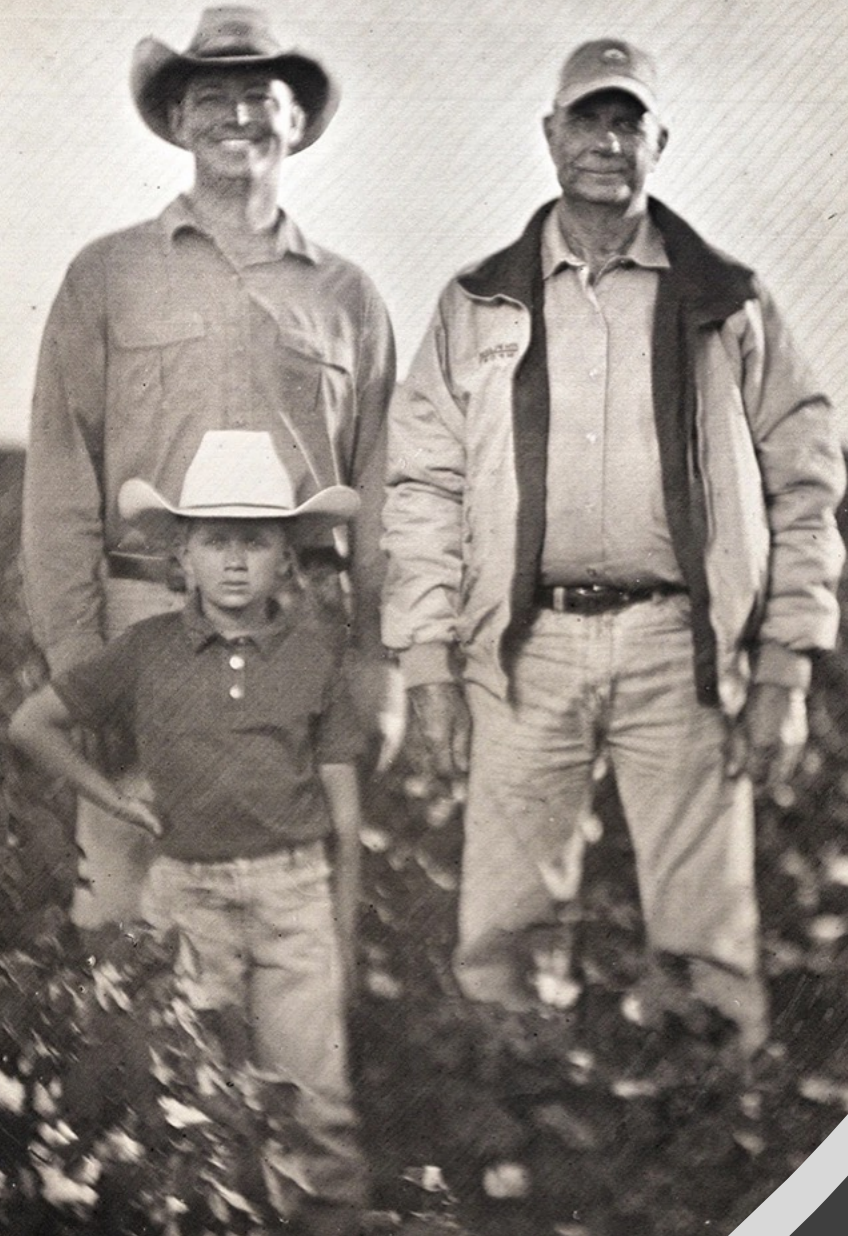


THE POWER OF A FATHER

## The Power of a Father: FACING THE FATHER WOUND.



## The Power of a Father!

As men, in a culture under attack, we need an understanding of mature masculinity—a vision and direction we can pursue with our sons! We need tools, methods, and ideas to help us become Godly men and from which to equip our sons and our daughters. We need to grow up!

Jacob – the *patriarch of Israel* – the *father of a nation* – is a troubling character in the Old Testament. He is conniving and he is spiritual too. He has moments of strong faith as well as of fear. His family is sometimes in disarray, and yet at the end he is the one who sets it straight. Jacob, whose very name suggests "deceiver," is renamed by God as "Israel" -- "one who has struggled with God." And an entire nation is named after this patriarch -- the nation of Israel. Jacob is a bit too much like us -- with very human strengths and weaknesses, but a man with a striving for spiritual things. From this imperfect man we learn important lessons of faith. Especially, we learn about God's grace. Time to engage—enjoy the Adventure!

# THE POWER OF A FATHER- TELL YOUR STORY!

“If I asked you to tell me your story, what would you say? God is the author of your life story. God is engaged in an ongoing creative work in your life. You are a story—a well-written, intentional story that is authored by the greatest Writer of all time, and even before time and after time. You are a living story that is meant to reveal and create glory. What makes your life a glorious bestseller is that the plot reveals not a mere moral or lesson but the very person and being of God.”

- Dan Allender in *TO BE TOLD – Know Your Story – Share your Future.*

# THE POWER OF A FATHER- TELL YOUR STORY!



"YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT IN COLOR"

# THE POWER OF A FATHER- TELL YOUR STORY!

Who were the men in your life that fathered you along the way?

Who are the men in your life that are fathering you today?

Who do you call when you're struggling with life?

When your mother & father forsake you, the Lord will lift you up.

Psalm 27:10

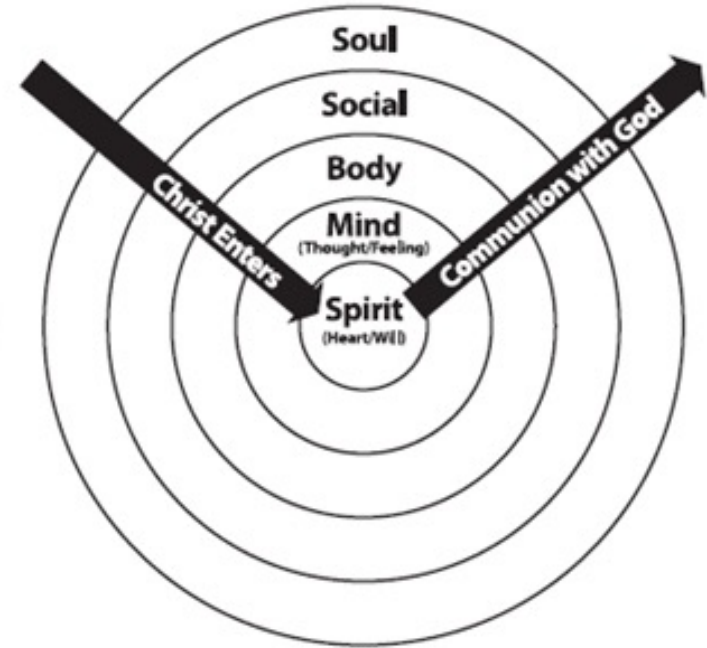
David – Saul, Jonathan, Jesse, Nathan

Joseph – Potiphar, the Chief Jailer, Pharaoh, Jacob


Jacob – Abraham, Isaac, Laban, Esau

# A RENOVATED SOUL

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“.....love others as you love yourself”



## **ACTION: Journal This!**

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Every son deserves a dad who fills his life with love, affirmation, and blessing. Every son needs from his father vision, direction, and solid answers to questions such as:

1. What is a man?
2. What are a man's greatest responsibilities?
3. What does a man believe?
4. How does a man behave?
5. What should a man try to achieve?