The Father Factor:
Why Dads Are Essential to Healthy Family Formation
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Both _____________________ and ______________________ are essential to healthy family formation.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, . . . .

(Genesis 1:27-28a, ESV; Matthew 19:4, Mark 10:6)

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12, ESV; Matthew 15:4-6; Mark 7:9-13; Ephesians 6:2-3; 1 Timothy 5:4)

- _____________________
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- Decline in_____________________________ commitment
In a Father’s Day speech in Chicago while running for president in 2008, then candidate Barack Obama said:

“If we are honest with ourselves, we’ll admit that . . . too many fathers [are] missing from too many lives and too many homes. They have abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men. . . . We know the statistics—that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit a crime; nine times more likely to drop out of school and 20 times more likely to end up in prison.” (Cited by Heather MacDonald, *The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe*, Encounter Books: 2016, p. 135)

1. Fathers are essential to ______________________________.

2. Fathers are essential to ______________________________.

3. Fathers are essential to ______________________________.

4. Fathers are essential to loving ____________________________.

5. Fathers are essential to ________________________________.

6. Fathers are essential to ______________________-taking that leads to ______________________________.

7. Fathers are essential to ________________________________ development.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

(Ephesians 6:4, ESV)

Heavenly Father,

I need you. Please help me. I am willing to turn from my sin in repentance. By faith, I receive Jesus, your Son, as my Savior, and I will confess and follow him as my Lord. Please teach me, lead me, and show me how to live in a way that pleases you. I want to live for your glory. I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.