



## GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR THE CHALLENGES OF FATHERHOOD

with Nate Dewberry

### ▶ FOCUS VERSES

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.  
Psalm 103:13-14

### ▶ DISCUSSION

1. **Think about the times when you've been most challenged as a father.**
  - a. Was there ever a time when you said to yourself, "This is too hard, I don't think I can do it"?
  
  - b. What specific challenges caused that doubt, and how did you deal with it?
  
2. **If you're a father who has been divorced and then remarried, what are the biggest challenges you've had to face in trying to integrate your family?**
  
3. **Nate says that two of the biggest pitfalls fathers face are either being too harsh on their children in terms of discipline and high expectations, or being disengaged and not really taking part in their children's lives. (See *Colossians 3:20-21* and *Ephesians 6:4*.)**
  - a. Do you feel like you've fallen into either of those traps at times? Or both?



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- 4. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches His followers that obeying rules isn't enough—God truly wants to have a relationship with each of us. (See *Matthew 5:1-7:29*.)**
- a. Did you have that kind of meaningful relationship with your own father, or was it more about discipline and following rules?
  
  - b. How has that impacted the way you parent your own kids?
- 5. Nate says that one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is being willing to admit when we're wrong and seeking forgiveness.**
- a. Are those things your father was willing to do?
  
  - b. If not, did you have any role models for that kind of behavior?

