

Many fathers believe they must earn love by getting everything right. But God's love doesn't wait for your perfection—it meets you right where you are.

He sees your effort, your struggle, and your desire to be a better dad. His grace is not given when you “finally measure up.” It's given because you never could without Him.

***You don't work for God's approval—you work from it.***

### Three Arrows of Grace

- He Sees You – Even when you fail, God notices your effort.
- He Meets You – Grace reaches into your broken places.
- He Restores You – God turns guilt into growth and weakness into strength.

### Being a Hero Starts Now

A hero dad is not the one who has never failed—it's the one who refuses to stop showing up.

Every day you lean in, every apology, every prayer, every moment of presence is building the kind of man your child will remember.

Being a hero starts with one decision: to begin again today.

#### Hero Mindset

- “I can start again today.”
- “God is with me.”
- “I can ask for help.”

#### Shame Mindset

- “I've failed too much.”
- “I'm alone in this.”
- “I have to figure it out alone.”

### Finding Strength in Community

No father was meant to walk this road alone.

Asking for help doesn't make you weak—it makes you wise. God often strengthens men through other men.

Find someone you trust—a mentor, a pastor, a friend—who can walk with you as you grow. No man naturally wants to ask for help—but a real father does. Strength isn't found in silence; it's found in humility. When you share your struggles with another, you'll discover peace and freedom in knowing you're not alone.

### Iron Sharpens Iron

- Isolation dulls you. Pride and silence keep you stuck.
- Community refines you. Wisdom and humility sharpen your aim.
- Grace sustains you. God strengthens you through relationship.

### Challenge For the Week

Here's your challenge this week: Write down one lie you've believed about yourself as a dad. Maybe it's...

- "I'm too far gone."
- "I don't know what I'm doing."
- "I'll never be the dad my kids need."

Then, next to that lie, write this truth: ***"God loves me today, and His grace is enough for this journey."***

**Bonus challenge:** Reach out to one man you respect and simply say: "I'm trying to grow as a dad—would you be willing to walk with me for a bit?" That one act of courage could change your story.