

Father's Day

IN THE IMAGE OF OUR FATHER

The image of our Father in heaven

“The overarching guide for every father should be to live in such a way that his children can see what God the Father is like. They ought to see in their human father a reflection — albeit imperfect — of the heavenly Father in his strength and tenderness, in his wrath and mercy, in his exaltation and condescension, in his surpassing wisdom and patient guidance. The task of every human father is to be for his children an image of the Father in heaven.”

Colossians 3:21

Do not provoke your children,
lest they become discouraged.

- Colossians 3:21





What Father's are called to avoid

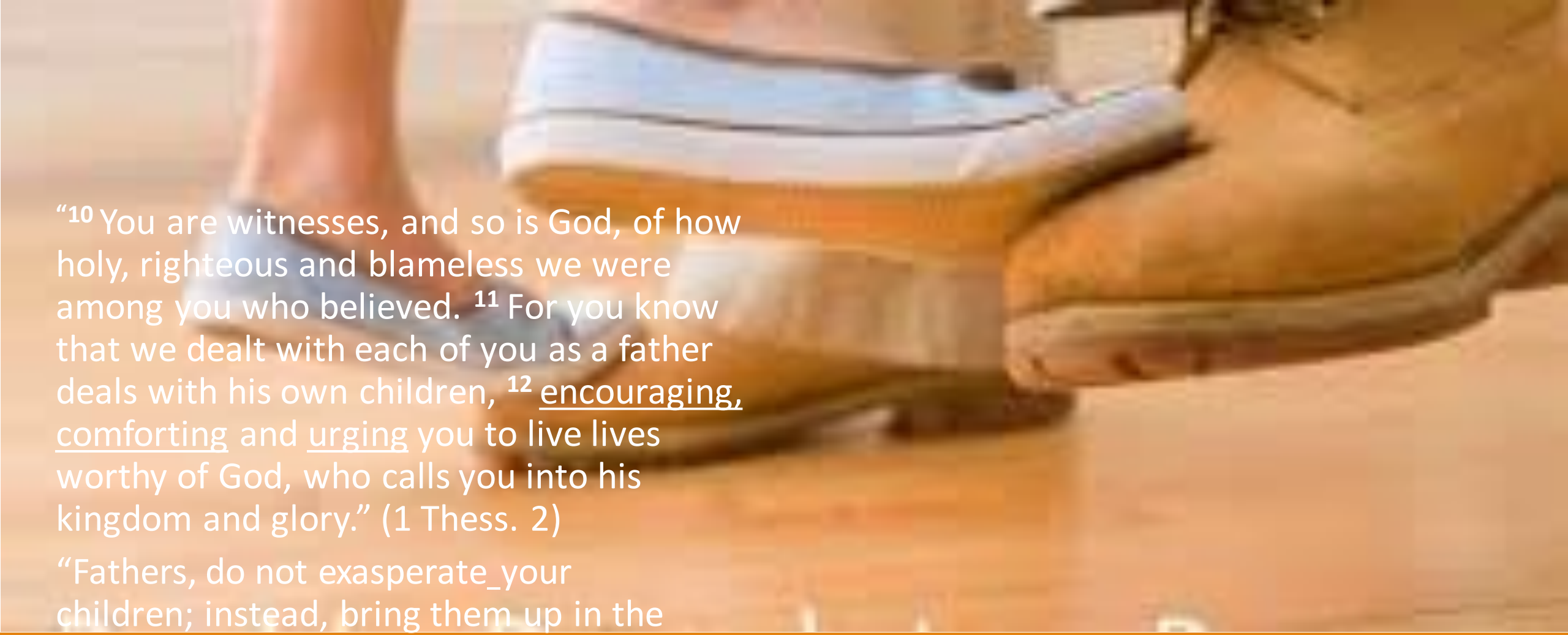
Provoking your children to the point of their discouragement

What does it mean to discourage?

- : to make (someone) less determined, hopeful, or confident
- : to make (something) less likely to happen
- : to try to make people not want to do (something)
- : to deprive of courage or confidence



"Life doesn't come with an instruction book, that's why we have fathers"



“¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” (1 Thess. 2)

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”
(Ephesians 6)

What is the call of a father?

THEY ARE CALLED TO....

1. Encourage their children
2. Comfort their children
3. Urge their children to live in the way of the Lord
4. Train and instruct them to think in the ways of the Lord

PRAYING TO SHAPE CHILDREN WHO ARE....

1. Hopeful in God's restoration
2. Confident in God's sovereignty
3. Witnesses to God's Kingdom, what they PRACTICE.
4. Mature in their faith, what they BELIEVE

The “what if’s”

What if I have done what Scripture calls a father to do and my children are not walking in the way of the Lord?

What if I have not been intentional in following Scripture’s call to father’s?

What if I never experienced the type of father as presented in Scripture?



Adoption

As Sons

We are adopted children of God

“he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—” Ephesians 1:5