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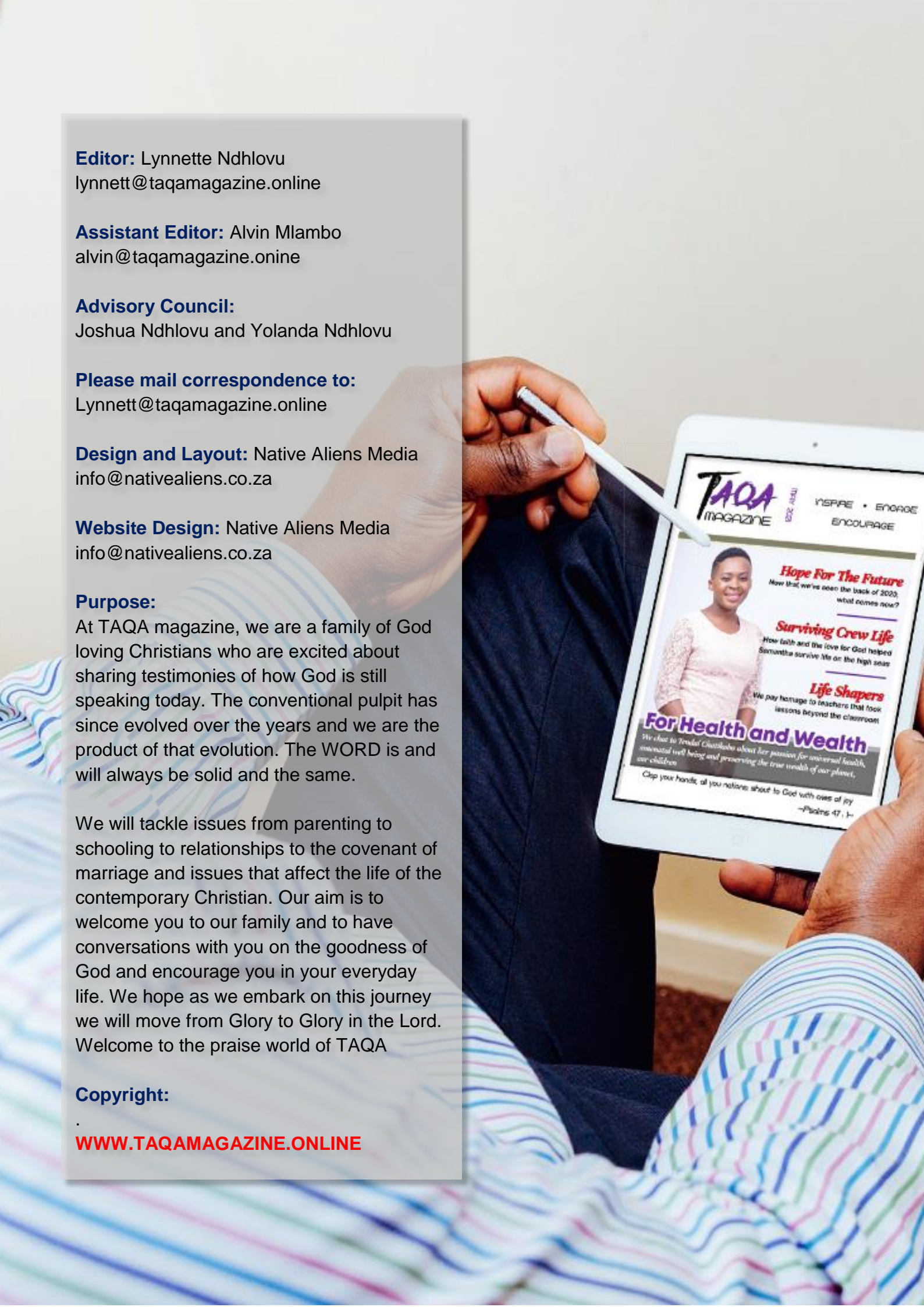
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To all the men that deal with tantrums in the mall, with shirts that constantly get puked on, sleepless nights, messy feeding time, teenage tantrums and mood swings, the list is endless hey! The men that stay and soldier on creating the next generation of mighty women and men of God. Confident children whose only daddy issues are what to get them for birthdays instead of children that wonder "why did daddy leave me". I am talking to the real men those that fight on their knees for their children not with fists.

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Tomorrow

Never leave for tomorrow what you can do today

By Lynnett Ndhlovu

The GOD of Abraham is a God of purpose. Everything He does has purpose. As His Children we must live by that creed. Everything we do must be for his purpose and glory. The people we meet, the things we do, the words we speak must always reflect the purpose and focus of our Lord. Recently I was reminded of a chapter of my life that made me realize that delay and procrastination are actually borne of an evil spirit.

I used to work for a particular telecoms company for close to ten years. In the execution of my duties, I dealt a lot with the guys from the stock room. They were a

happy bunch of guys and teased me about constantly talking about **God**, Jesus Christ and renouncing all other gods. One of the young men took a liking to me and used to help me with carrying heavy machines, I was pregnant with our second child at the time. He was full of questions about fatherhood, parenting and marriage and I would answer to the best of my abilities with the wisdom the Holy Spirit would impart on me. Another workmate of his asked for a Bible and I managed to not only buy one for him but I also added a notebook and pen so he could write down the Word as and when he felt inspired. I did not buy for my new little brother however. I always scolded him for not marrying his girlfriend and at the time they expecting baby number 2. I scolded

him, but never advised him. Come to think of it, I always took the high road with him and just scolded him and didn't show compassion for him even though I knew the situation he was in financially. He would pick my brain on various business ideas and I would support in any manner I could. I never once introduced him to Christ or advised him about deliverance.

This went on until I left on maternity leave and I kept saying to myself, *"Tomorrow I will do the repentance prayer with him."* My thoughts were always for *"Tomorrow"*, soon that little voice that would spur me on to do it immediately fell silent. I made excuses like I am Christian he can see what I do. He will change his ways and repent.

The devil is a liar.

I had no intentions of going back to formal employment after my maternity leave as my husband and I had decided to focus on our business. I only went back to the company once for a visit and I saw him sitting under a tree looking very distressed. I paid no attention to him because I had come to officially resign and I was with my family at the time. A few months later I got a call from a beloved friend of mine telling me that he had died in taxi accident on his way home.

I can never describe the sinking feeling I felt at that moment. I had so many questions. What will happen to his babies and young girlfriend? Then I asked myself if he got saved before he died? I heard that voice asking me back **"DID YOU DO THE REPENTANCE PRAYER WITH HIM?"** You know that feeling when you know the

answer and yet you don't have the guts to face yourself with an answer I was touched by this young man's death. I however didn't complete my assignment with him. I let excuses and DELAY stop me from saying a simple prayer that would have taken a few seconds but would have made a world difference for him.

I can hear your thoughts now. It wasn't your fault. It was his time. What if he did it with someone else?

He would pick my brain on various business ideas and I would support in any manner I could. I never once introduced him to Christ or advised him about deliverance. I made excuses like "I am Christian, he can see as I do."

All those assertions make sense but I serve a God who expects me to listen to HIM and do the illogical now to save a life. He doesn't want selfish tendencies and DELAY to stop you from completing your assignment in someone else's life. I implore you not hesitate or delay when he calls you to his service. You are not God, his plans are not yours and His ways are not yours. Please don't misunderstand me, I am not asking you to demand repentance from everyone you meet in the street. I am asking you to listen to that soft voice that tells you what you need to do.

Lesson painfully learnt.

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What is Your "Because"?

By Madam Lyn

In this month of June, we are graced with and celebrate Fathers' Day. For me this is a day that I get to celebrate not only my father but all the father figures I've had throughout my life.

My dad, however, has always been my first superhero. I recall he used to love cooking for us on Sundays and spoil us with goodies whenever mum was away. He was a somewhat religious man, he was good but not as deep in the Christian faith as he is today.



He would give me good sound advice on life and business, unfortunately most of it fell on immature ears.

In retrospect, I thank him for that because the seeds that were planted back then are coming to fruition now. The first great pieces of advice my father gave me in business were:"

1. Get into business for yourself or you will spend the rest of your life building someone else's dream.
2. Become a manufacturer and be in control of your means of production.
3. Design a product that you can sell beyond your race and you won't go wrong.

By design, God made you the SOURCE, if you don't give your family spiritual emotional support you leave the children vulnerable to all and anything to devour them.

I was only 9 then and I can safely say my father is the reason I am this extremely confident woman I am today. He would constantly tell me how great I was and how I could do anything under the sun. I am eternally grateful for that. My dad has now replaced Sunday cooking with Sunday sermons. He has made what I believe is the most powerful decision a father could make for his children, leaving them with a rich spiritual legacy.

I recall reading the book of Kings, specifically the stories of King David's

descendants. Some would do things that were not acceptable in the eyes of the Lord but it would be written in the Bible that because of their father David the wrath of **God** was reduced. David left such a legacy in Spirit that **God's** wrath towards his descendants would be satiated because of him. David was famous for being a man after **God's** heart and a strong worshipper. He was king, he had riches, he conquered nations but his legacy was in worshipping **GOD**. That's what he left for his descendants. Society teaches us that the value of a man be in his monetary wealth, how many cars, houses and money he leaves his children. Please do not misunderstand me those are nice things,

everybody likes them but they don't last without proper spiritual backup. Fathers that DARE to go to Church to worship, pray and serve **God** are leaving a spiritual legacy that NOONE can take away from their children.

According to Dictionary.com, the word Father, when used as a verb with an object, means "to beget, to be the

creator, founder, originator or source. That last definition is what caught my attention. I am humbled and privileged that my father reached a point in his life where he came to the realisation that leaving a spiritual legacy for my sisters and I far outweighs the value of any earthly possessions he may leave. There are two interesting stories in the Bible I would like to highlight at this point. The first one is of Jairus and his ailing daughter. Jairus was a man of the cloth himself. He was respected and yet he humbled himself and sought **Jesus Christ** to save his

daughter. He didn't care that people could see him, he was just a father on a mission to save his little girl. Two things come to light, he was a present father that he knew of his daughter's illness and he was wise enough and humble to seek help from **Jesus Christ**. Lesson learnt, BE PRESENT. And know your **God** can do all things for you even resurrect your dead child.

No name man. One of **Jesus'** act of deliverance was of a young boy who used to throw himself into the fire when he was having fits. The boy was presented to **Jesus Christ** by his father who narrated that it began when the boy was young. Let me emphasise this, he came to the Lord with His Father. These are examples of what a source does for a child. Even as far as seeking your baby's deliverance, that's how far a father can go.

Do not take a back seat in the physical, emotional and SPIRITUAL growth of your children to an extent that it's only the mother's job to perform. Some years ago I watched an investigative show about botched clinical circumcisions on young men

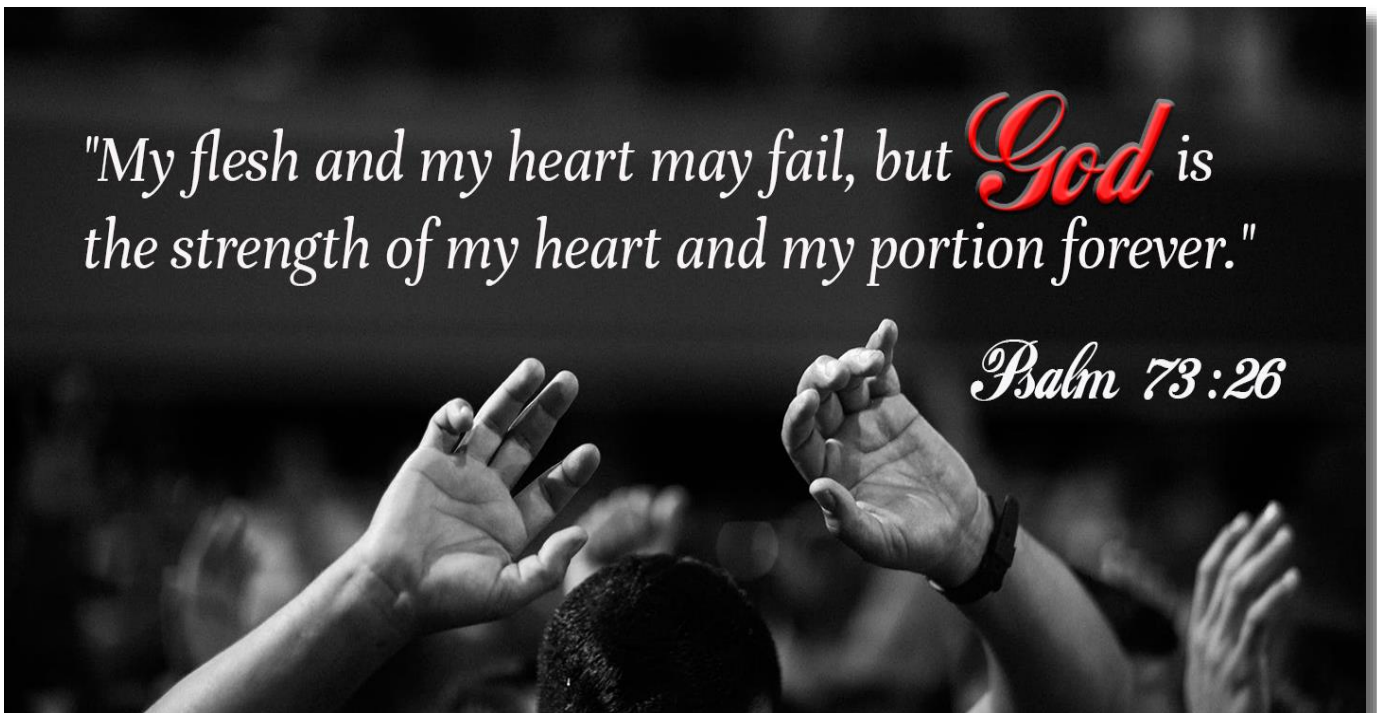
that some of them have lost the use of their organs and I was in such pain for them and yet one thing struck none of the interviewed cases has a dad present. How can this be that these atrocities are happening to these young men and their fathers can't hold their hands through it? Maybe they were busy or didn't want to be on camera, but when the boys told their stories they never mentioned their fathers. That just struck me as odd.

Be a present dad those memories never die. I am 37 and I still recall my dad's cooking days and I was 5. By design, God made you the SOURCE, if you don't give your family spiritual emotional support you leave the children vulnerable to all and anything to devour them.

- Create lasting covenants for us like Abraham did
- Leave us powerful spiritual legacies like David did.
- Give us wisdom like Solomon
- Plead for us like Jairus
- Thank you to all fathers who are being a great SOURCE to our children.

*"My flesh and my heart may fail, but **God** is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Psalms 73:26



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Favourite Bible Verse: Exodus 20vs12, Isaiah 41vs10

Favourite Saying: Be true to yourself.

Words of wisdom for children: Dream big, follow your heart and always trust in God.

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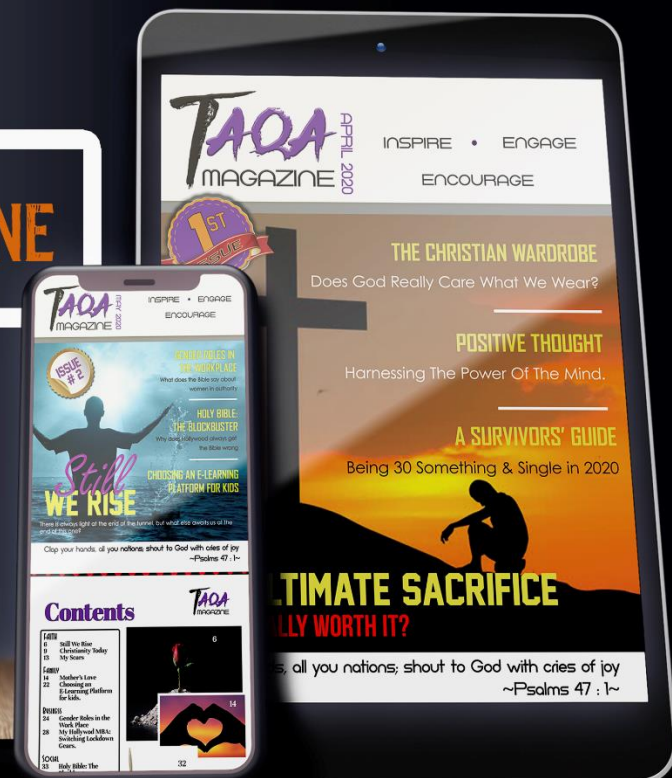
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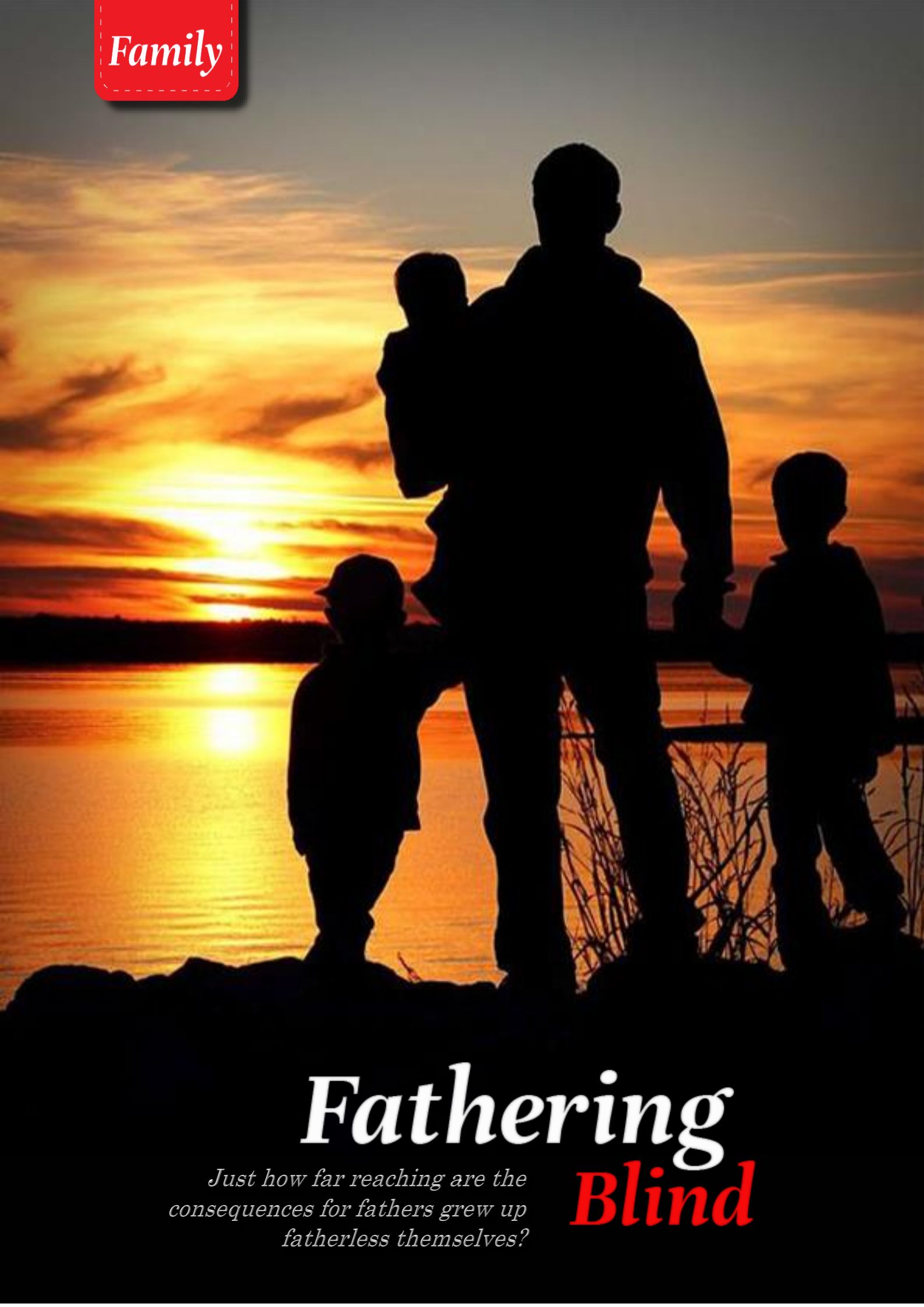
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Family



Fathering **Blind**

*Just how far reaching are the
consequences for fathers grew up
fatherless themselves?*

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

~Proverbs 13 Verse 22~

By Alvin Mlambo

Growing up, family, teachers and Sesame Street peddled the same ideas of a family. A nucleic family consisting of a father, mother and children was the standard and any deviation from this ideal was and still is considered a “non-standard” family. I had a friend whose father ran off with the domestic helper when we were eight and he became an example for one such “unique” family set up. Traumatized by the experience I guess, his mother never remarried and soldiered on alone. Virtually overnight he ceased being Tinashe and became that “*Poor fatherless kid*”. Everyone looked at him with pity and changed the pitch of their voices whenever they spoke to him. No one wanted to play tag or *chikudo*, as we called it, with him anymore because we all feared he would break at the mildest shove. I for one pitied him and was glad I wasn't in his position. Little did I know, five years later I would join Tinashe's elite but undesired club.

My father passed away in a car accident when I was twelve. Apart from the tragedy of losing a father at such an early age, the segregation I would inevitably be subjected to was foremost in my mind. Where I grew up, losing parent was no different from contracting leprosy. One was ostracised and

left to walk home alone after school and for at least four months, playing games with the guys was just out of the question. I guess it can be attributed to either the naive understanding of death that we had or simply that kids just weren't that nice where I came from. Back then being friendless was the detrimental side effect of losing my father. As I grew older I realised that growing up without a father had some other far reaching consequences that went beyond being picked last or not being picked at all for a game of street soccer.

As an adult I decided to ask myself just how much growing up “fatherless” would define me as a husband and father.

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Common knowledge and popular tradition dictates that boys grow up to be the husbands and fathers that their own fathers set as examples. The examples my father set during his presence unfortunately went largely unappreciated or recognised. I was under the naive impression that when the time was right my father would sit me down and say “*Son, get a pen and paper, I'm now going to teach you how to be a man and father.*” Unfortunately for me, his life was cut

short before that day came. Like Tinashe's mother, my mom never remarried so the only example of parenting I had left was her. I did have uncles to look up to but apart from the occasional phone call and odd visit, I failed to get the full advantages that would be gained from an ever present male role model.

During the first few months of her widowhood my mother found it difficult to cope alone with three kids so she employed the assistance of my unlucky-in-love Aunt Magdalene. The oestrogen levels in that home were off the charts.

female anatomy with such poetry that we could all paint a clear mental picture. If there was any veracity to his tales, he would've bedded at least thirty-six to forty girls during the four years that we shared a dorm room. We would clap and unanimously agree that *Mhungu* was the epitome of manhood during those days. Unfortunately, this was an idea that would deeply embed itself and stick with me through my adolescence and into early adulthood.

All through the encounters and experiences I had only my mother to look to for parental guidance. Obviously I found it extremely

hard to speak to her regarding the more intricate issues of male pubescence but she was the only figure I had. God bless the woman, she tried so hard to fill that void. The fact that she worked as a Sexual Health Counsellor for an organisation promoting safe sex really made our discussions all the more awkward. She found it difficult to deliver the raw facts of STDs without the added

emotional burden of having to deliver them to her own son. As I left for college instead of giving me a knitted sweater or quilt to remember her by she gave me 2 cartons of latex condoms. A carton contains 75 packs, each containing three latex condoms. So in total I was stocked to the tune 450 condoms before I even had a girlfriend. I guess she thought that's what fathers did for their first born sons as they went off into the world. Her being without a husband and me being without a father, we just made up the rules and expectations as we went along.

Yes I did have memories of my father but my so called mature understanding only dismissed most of what I remembered as nothing more than idealistic memories of a father, sugar-coated by the eyes of a child.

For a boy who had just entered the confusing maze that is puberty this was far from ideal. With the lack of a male guide to help me through it, I was left to my own devices and the shoulders of my peers to lean on. Everyone had their two cents to put in and I distinctly remember a young man who went by the nickname "*Mhungu*" (Black Egyptian Cobra) in boarding school. Those who had the misfortune of attending back-of-beyond boys only boarding schools will agree that great story tellers were revered and venerated. *Mhungu* would beguile and amaze us with extraordinary tales of his sexual exploits. The man would describe the

During early adulthood I was crippled by the feeling that I did not know the first thing about being a husband let alone a father. Yes I did have memories of my father but my so called mature understanding only dismissed most of what I remembered as nothing more than idealistic memories of a father, sugar-coated by the eyes of a child. So I was in limbo and stole time by believing that one day a bright light from the heavens would shine on me and induce an epiphany that would reveal all the mysteries of fatherhood. By the time I left fantasy land I was twenty-nine, had been in a committed relationship for five years, but had not made any solid plans to make her an honest woman. Even then I was still not ready to be a father or husband.

According to the 2017 Statistics SA General Household Survey, a staggering 61.8% of children below the age of 18 live without their father. Out of that number, 10.1% of children's fathers are deceased, while 51.7% of children's fathers are alive, but not living with the child. According to a 2013 report of the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR), black children are hardest hit, while the absence of fathers amongst white children has increased 32% in the previous 15 years. Only 33% of South African children lived with both their parents and of the remaining 67%, only 39% lived with their biological mothers and 4% with their biological fathers. The other 57% lived in other kinds of care, including extended family, government institutions or child-headed households (*Gerald Flurry, The Trumpet, 1/3/2018*). These statistics do not take into account the many fathers who are living with their children, but are absent emotionally or are abusive in some way or another. Research would have you believe that boys who grow up without fathers end

up being criminals, on drugs, unsuccessful and hyper masculine. We now have a generation of boys learning about manhood from internet porn, music videos and their peers.

There is a great number of complex socioeconomic, environmental, geographical and political issues that add to the continually increasing rate of absent fathers in South Africa. I, however, chose not to look at the causes of fatherlessness but rather dealing with the current state of affairs. Through the strength of a prayerful and strong willed mother I managed to escape the trappings of an absent male role model. Having grown up in a fatherless home due to death, I managed to glean some worthwhile pearls of wisdom as I fumbled my way through adulthood that may help fathers and men who themselves grew up without fathers:



1) *Manhood has nothing to do with age* –

The fear of failing my future wife and children crippled me into delaying my

nuptials. I believed that the older I got, the wiser I became. I measured my manhood in years instead of experiences, self-evaluation and life lessons. A boy can become a man and good father at 22 simply by taking ownership of themselves and accepting advice and lessons.



2) Seek the mentorship of male role model

– Examples of remarkable fathers are abundant in our respective societies. Beyond even our immediate families, the church, the community and even the work environment can all spawn such mentors. Most are more than happy to share their views, thoughts and insights on fatherhood and manhood.



3) Communion with other positive men – I can never overstate the value of a man having other men he calls brothers that he

can trust and lean on for sound advice. I was invited and joined one such group of men and we call ourselves the **Men of God Fellowship**. We get together on Saturday mornings for Christ-centred and prayer-driven discussions on spiritual growth, manhood, parenting and many other relevant issues. The investment of time I have made in this group has paid off and I believe joining such a group can also fill that void of a male role model.

4) Masculinity is not all about physical strength – We as men have been bred to believe that physical strength and aggression are a man's mainstay. A man's ability to protect his family from physical danger is what he is judged upon.

This may be true however a father's mental strength is far more integral to his family's well-being than his ability to kill a lion with his bare hands. It takes a great deal of mental fortitude for a man to face panic, disappointment, condemnation and to be there emotionally for his children.



5) Parenting is a 50/50 deal – For the longest time I believed that parenting is principally a mother’s job. I guess this skewed view was fuelled by growing up without seeing the fatherhood side of parenting and the only example I experienced was my mother’s. Coming to the realisation early in life that a father has just as much responsibility in the parenting process as the mother, helps in balancing the differing approaches that both parents bring to the equation.

What worries me now is the whole generation of men raised by women being released into the world. Please don’t get me wrong, my advocacy for a male role model in a fatherless boy’s life is in no way a critique of the roles of single mothers in a boy’s life. I take nothing away from the stellar jobs that mothers and female figures who have, by tragedy or abandonment, had to take on the duty of single parenthood. I myself am a product of such an upbringing and though my wife chooses to debate the fact, I believe I turned out to be quite a spectacular product. In a civilization that tells us all that we are self-sufficient and don't need anybody else, nature tells us that we are considerably stronger together than

we are alone. In the business world “team work” has been all the rage and we go on and on about the power of teams. In government structures we have a Department of Community development; isn't this underlying truth the same within a home?

Now as a father of four, I try to look beyond my own circumstances and look at the state of fatherhood as a whole. I am sad to say we men as a whole are drastically slacking in that department. **Proverbs 27 Vs 8** states **“Like a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man who wanders from his home.”**

The meaning I took from this was that if a bird wanders from her nest, she exposes herself and her young to danger. Similarly, men who abandon their rightful duties endanger their families and endanger themselves. Whatever the motives are for so many men leaving the house, the impact is apparent. Though I live with my family, I still battle with being an attentive and constantly present father.

I just pray that I will be able to strike that balance between over and under parenting.

Be Blessed.



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Favourite Saying: leadership is influence that is shown when serving others.

Words of wisdom for children:

- Always be involved in the things of the kingdom of God and never cease to pray. The decisions you make today will influence the Quality of your life tomorrow. Honour you father and your mother so that the days for your life will be prolonged on earth.
- Remember a master was once a student, but it takes hard work and perseverance.
- Last but not least, if you don't believe in yourself then how can anyone else?

Day



Interview

THE ENTREPRENEUR

THE EVANGELIST

THE FATHER

Evangelist Pride Mudzingwa takes some time out his crazy day to give us some insight into his thoughts beliefs and practices about Fatherhood, Business and family

Taqa: Tell us about yourself, history in business and your current business endeavours?

PM: I started my own business in 2012 and prior to that, I had worked for different organizations until I decided to resign and concentrate on my own ventures. So my first business was **Intellect Management and Training Consultancy**. This is a Training business that focuses mainly on legal compliance, occupational health and safety in terms of the OHS Act and skills development. I learned the ins and outs of the industry from my previous employers, especially a gentleman called *Gert Botha* who groomed me in the business.

Then once i dipped my toes in the business world the entrepreneurial bug bit hard, and got a firm hold of me. So in 2016, I registered **On Demand Move**, which is a technology company. We started only doing web design, web hosting and Voip (*Voice Over Internet Protocol*). Now we've moved to app development and we are launching our own all-in-one app by the end of July.

Then in 2017, I started **Tashi Holdings** which is mainly aligned to my wife's cosmetics business which she has always

had a keen interest in. beyond the cosmetics we also us the name for various projects.

Taqa:



Describe the biggest challenge you have had as a Parent and business person. How did you learn from that experience?

PM: For me, the biggest challenge was striking that balance between the business and family. While starting the business, I was consumed with getting the venture off the ground. I had to meet clients, canvas for business, do training and many other duties I had to perform personally. I found that I ended up having very little time for the family. So I had to design my life in such a way that as much as my presence is required in the business, I had to provide the same to not only my wife, but to my kids as well.

than now. As much as we all appreciate the destruction that COVID has caused but that doesn't mean life must stop as well.

I believe in the old adage of *"The journey of 1000 miles starts with a single step."* You cannot wait for all things to be just right to get started. Currently we are launching our app in the middle the COVID pandemic so that when all this is done, we can look back and have a story to tell. So I say regardless of the situation, take that first step and you will realise that all the other steps that follow are made easier.



Taqa: *Who was or is your greatest influence?*

PM: Well, in terms of who my greatest influence is, I cannot explicitly say because I have had I've had a whole lot of inspirational mentors throughout my journey. But If I could name two Individuals currently it would be **Strive Masiyiwa** of **The Econet Group** and the investing mogul **Warren Buffet**. These two have shaped my outlook on business and the way I look at being an entrepreneur, I adopted some of the systems that **Strive Masiyiwa** uses in

Taqa: *It's no secret the devastation that COVID-19 has caused, do you think this is a good time to start, build, or grow a successful business?*

PM: The short answer would be "Yes". There is no better time to start a business

business that even though he is a black African who grew up in Zimbabwe, he managed to build one of the biggest brands in the world. Beyond that he has also managed to build an autonomous business that does not require his presence anymore. So I've learned that you can develop people

to an extent that they successfully run the business on your behalf. So I've tried to build systems even within my own businesses that allow the businesses to operate as self-sustaining entities. And this is what I'm learning. Warren Buffet is big on investment as well as avoiding loss and unnecessary expenditure. So, I've learned quite a lot from these gentlemen.

Taqa: *What do you teach your kids about entrepreneurship?*

PM: That entrepreneurship is the best way to gain your financial freedom. Though learning the ropes by being employed in someone else's company is important before jumping into your own venture.

Taqa: *Have you encountered failure in your business? How do you teach your children to embrace and learn from it?*

PM: I failed in the initial phases of my business because I guess I under estimated the value of a coach and mentor. It always vital to have a sounding board when you starting out, someone who will warn you about the pitfalls and potential hazards you may end up facing. I found myself bleeding money because I ended up spending funds on unsustainable activities for my size at the time. I almost threw in the towel in 2012 because my business had run out of resources and was unable to continue operation. But I took it as a learning experience and powered through it. So now I teach my children that failing does not mean you are a failure. It simply means that you have hit a speed bump and have been

provided with an opportunity to learn from the experience.

Taqa: *How has fatherhood changed the focus in your career?*

PM: Well the one thing I have realised is that it's all about the family. Before I was mainly consumed with building the business. When I became a father I came to appreciate that the business only exists to support the family. So with regards to my career, my priorities have shifted. In terms of a hierarchy, family always comes out on top, then the career and everything else comes after.

Taqa: *Based on your own experience, what advice would you share with dads who might be just starting out in business?*

PM: Well for those who want to start businesses, I would always say go for it. But as a dadpreneur you need to develop the work/family life balance more than anything else. I developed a system that works for me and it can also work for someone else. I've literally scheduled my life. I've shared my life in such a way that there are days that I will not be in the office and are, strictly devoted to my family. There are days that I literally switch off my phone and ignore my emails. So I've literally scheduled my life so that my family do not feel left out. I've learned that it wouldn't make sense to accumulate a lot of cash while the kids don't even know who you are. So you need to develop that relationship. The kids grow fast and I believe you only have one chance at parenthood. One chance. That's it.



Name: Fredrick Bwanali

Nickname: Daddy

County of Residency: Zimbabwe

Children's Names: Irvin Raymond, Natasha, Tania Chelsea, Nisha, Kondwani, Tadala Fredrick Jnr and Keisha Nenyasha

Occupation: Retail Operations Manager

Favourite Bible Verse: Proverbs 9vs10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Favourite Saying: Go for it



Interview

It's All About *Reinvention*

Pastor James Kombora, a father and serial entrepreneur affords us a glimpse into his faith, business psyche, and family values.

Taqa: *Tell us about yourself, history in business and your current business endeavours.*

JK: I was born here in Harare, Zimbabwe but I grew up in Kwe-kwe in a small town called Redcliff. I came back to Harare to do my tertiary studies and during that time I got the calling to enter ministry. I attended Bible school and became a fully-fledged pastor. As life goes, I started facing some financial challenges so I realised that I had to go into business at some point. I started a small entertainment company where I was selling

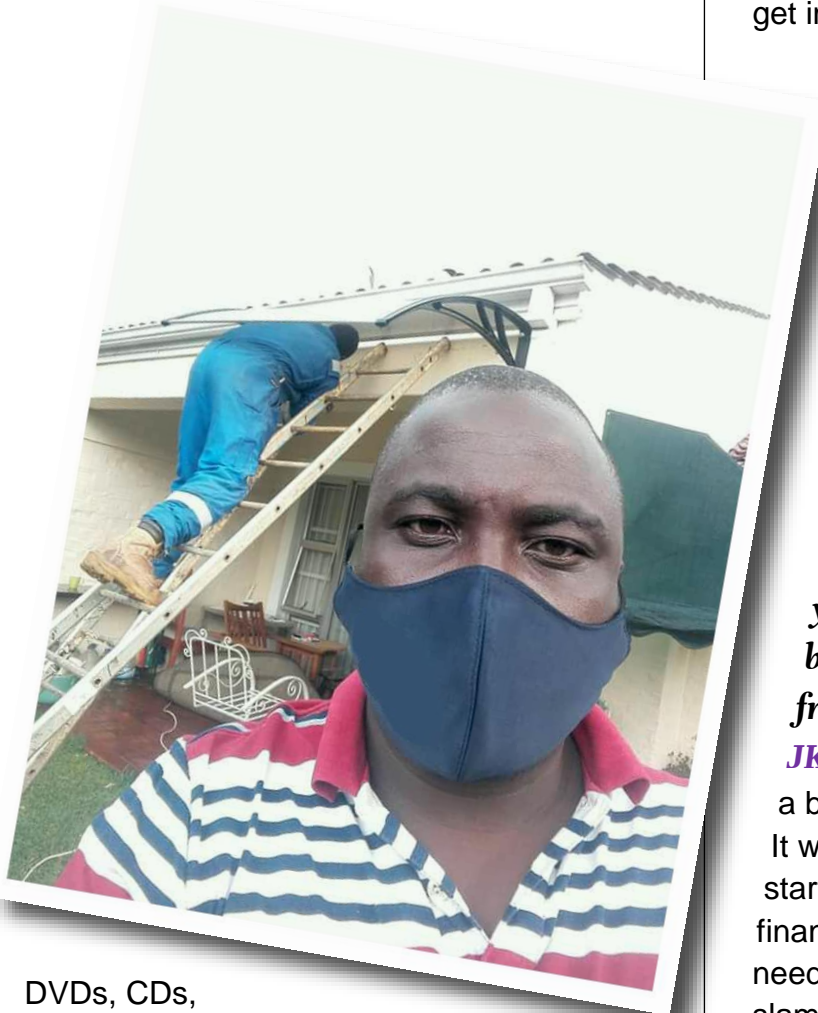
has been popularised by services such as Uber and Bolt today.

I was actually on the road driving the taxi myself and left my brother to run the entertainment business. It was during this time that I met someone who introduced me to awnings and that show I started the company called Zim Awnings.com. In this business we supply awnings which most people know as door caps. Mainly it's a sheet of canvas or other material stretched on a frame and used to keep the sun or rain off a shop window or doorway. We mainly get import them from South Africa, then we supply them here in Zimbabwe.

Currently I am solidly planning to roll out a burger business. As much as there is so much chaos in the food industry due to COVID, there will always be a need for sustenance. So in the next six months I will be rolling out my Burger and fast food operation. I have vision of growing into operating my own food courts very soon.

Taqa: *Describe the biggest challenge you have had as a Parent and business person. How did you learn from that experience?*

JK: Mostly when somebody wants to start a business, they always talk about capital. It was the same issue for me when I started out. I would approach banks and financial institutions with my proposals in need of financing and I had the door slammed in my face time after time. But then I discovered that it's not about the capital, but the will and the passion to execute your plans. As long as I am alive, I'm the greatest capital that my business will ever need. So honestly, I wouldn't say to



DVDs, CDs, and cell phone accessories.

After 8 years of the business growing, I realised that I had to diversify and explore other business opportunities. I always had an interest in the transport Industry so I operating a metered taxi business, which

say that my biggest challenge was capital, but the lack of a clear vision and zeal to actually start and doggedly run with a business idea without money in my pocket. If you look at it, most businesses don't need a large capital outlay to start, it just requires you to visualize what you want to do and start putting plans and action on paper. For example I was telling you of the taxis business, nobody could give me financing to get it started. so I had to think outside of the box. I just approach to someone with a car and proposed a rent-to-buy facility to acquire the vehicle. He agreed with my proposal and we ironed out the details. From there I started operating the business and was able to complete the transaction with the revenue I generated. So the biggest lesson I learned starting out was that for your business to get off the ground and stay off, it's all about

the passion, zeal and unwavering determination to succeed and not so much material or financial resources. I always go back the statement I heard once, that *"Money doesn't follow people, it follows ideas."* So every morning when I wake up, I pray and ask God to give me at least one idea for the day. I know that one day I will get the one that not only transforms

my life but generations to come.

Taqa: *It's no secret the devastation that COVID-19 has caused, do you think this is a good time to start, build, or grow a successful business?*

JK: Yeah, I think this is the right time for anybody to study business. Whenever there is a challenge that is the best time to try and capitalise by developing a solution. Due to the lockdown restrictions the taxi business was very low so I decided to explore other avenues. That is the time we started the awnings business. I was actually overwhelmed by the response and support from the people to business. Many businesses closed during that lockdown period but at the same time many other businesses cropped up and capitalised on the mayhem. It reminds me of the story of Noah, when the great flood covered the



earth. Many people died because of that flood but those were the same waters that lifted the ark and later rested it in Noah's new home. What may be a disaster to one may turn out to be a saving grace for another. When the lockdown started the borders were closed to travel but good could still move. Then an entire industry of *"Runners"* was born. That's how I managed get my awnings supplies.

Taqa: Who was or is your greatest influence?

JK: My greatest influence has always been God, always. I am a pastor so everything I tackle I try to align it with both my calling and beliefs. At the same time I have a mentor, Apostle B Zulu who has mentored me from the time I received my calling then through my paroral journey. He has been a great influence in my life by giving me direction when I'm lost and open rebuke when I'm in error. He too is a man of **God** who is in business so I have been influenced by his personal life as well. I just said, if my spiritual father can do this and find that balance between the pastoral life and business, so can I. I can also start a business and follow suit. So the Apostle has greatly impacted my life in so many ways.

Taqa: What do you teach your kids about entrepreneurship?

JK: Well I'm a father of two kids, married to a beautiful lady named Anesu. Our children's names are Kupakwashe and Nashewedu. Though they are still young, I've begun to see that entrepreneurial spirit and desire in them, especially the eldest, Nashewedu. He is always asking for money to buy sweets, balloons, Easter eggs and the like for resale in school. All in order to raise money to buy one thing or the other that he wants. Nashewedu is 9 turning 10 and Kupakwashe is 7 years old, so personally at this age I feel this is not the best time for them to start a business. Now I would prefer to engage them in character

building rather than the pursuit of commerce. I get my inspiration from the book of **Proverbs** that says **“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”** So these critical stages they are in development, I would rather focus more on education, personal development and character building.



We will get to a stage where I feel they are mature enough to be able mentally deal with the trappings of making their own money

and how to handle everything that comes with it. He is inspired to want to do business because he has always seen me do it. But he does not fully appreciate all the back office operations that I have to perform mentally, emotionally, and physically.

see me through. I put all my faith in **Proverbs 91** and meditated on it constantly. Now I'm even planning on expanding the business and have already consulted with key people who believe can us to that next level. With regards to the assessment of risks as a family man, I still contend that, the bigger the risk, the bigger the reward.

Having a family now has only increased my appetite for risky endeavours. I'm not going to be with the family forever so I have to make hay while the sun shines so to speak. I have to make sure that they are well taken care of if the good lord sees fit to take me away. And risk comes with that territory.

Taqa: *Have you encountered failure in your business? How do you teach your children to embrace and learn from it?*

JK: Well, being in business is like planting a flower. You put it in the ground, fertilise the soil, water and care for it. Soon it sprouts and starts to grow till it flowers and starts showing its beautiful petals. But due to various circumstances, some of its petals and leaves may start to wilt. Just because it has wilted does not mean it is dead. It just presents you with an opportunity to explore other ways of doing things. The same has happened in my businesses, where have hit a brick wall or have done something that did not work out. I have experienced this at some points, but I persisted with what I wanted to do and looked for ways to make it work. I take failure as a learning experience. If you fail 3 times, that's three life and business lessons you have learnt from experience.



Taqa: *What's the biggest risk you've ever taken? How did having kids affect your assessment of risk?*

JK: I have to say the riskiest venture I have ever entered into was the taxi business. Beyond the usual financial risk associated with a new business venture, there other risks inherent to that particular industry. Thieves and robbers see taxi drivers as soft target since they usually have stashes of cash in their vehicles and travel with no protection. But no matter what, as a child of God, I believed that God will be with me. And remember he said I will never leave you nor forsake you. I had faith that God would

And there's nothing better than experience. When it comes to failure I always teach my children to be consistent. Even in the face of continual failures keep pushing and keep persevering.

Taqa: How has fatherhood changed the focus in your career?

JK: Well I have realised that the most important thing to me is the family beyond the business. The only reason I am in business is to support them. So sometimes I have to postpone and even cancel some business meetings and engagements just so I have enough time to spend with the family. Financial provisions always come secondary to providing my physical and emotional self. The negativity that can come from a neglected wife and children may even end up causing your business to fail. So at every turn before I leave to go off to work I make sure that I have that marriage blessing from my wife to successfully execute my business. The only way I can get that is if she is happy. So in a nutshell, my career comes second to me ensuring that I am available as and when my family needs me.

Taqa: Based on your own experience, what advice would you share with dads who might be just starting out in business?

JK: I would say just take that first step. It's all well and good to plan and think about starting a business but the real meat of the meal is in taking that step towards actually bringing that vision to life. I have said it before that persistence and perseverance are always key. If I could look back on one of the telecoms companies here in Zimbabwe. We saw the man who started it battling giants before a single seed of That Company was even planted. Now his

company has grown into a global giant and he is counted among the world's most celebrated billionaires. Some people are hindered by that need of wanting to start big. The established brands like MacDonald's, Innscor, and KFC all started with a single shop or location. I know it's a cliché but anytime is tea time. So just take that first step and Jump in head first.

Taqa: What's the best parenting advice you ever received?

JK: My mentor has always taught me that Children learn more from what you do rather than what you tell them to do. If you do not pray or read the bible at home, then don't expect your children to do so when you tell them to. Every time I am at home away from my Ministry duties, I have to teach my children to live in the world by living the same teachings myself. We read the bible together, we pray together and praise and worship together. I always do what I want them to learn in their presence so that when they grow into men and fathers themselves they have those lessons to carry with them.

Taqa: If there was one lesson you would want your children to learn now and carry into adulthood, what would that be?

JK: I want my children to know and be grateful to God for everything. when I buy them clothes, shoes, send them to school or even food, as the father I want them to thank me but more than anything, I want my children to thank **God**. They must acknowledge **God** in all the things that they do in their lives. I teach my children to grow in the ways of God and continue to grow and develop their passion and faith. So that is basically what I want to teach my children all the days of my life.



Name: Oscar Phiri

Nickname: Oskido

County of Residency: RSA

Children's Names: Tamika Thandolwethu

Occupation: Packaging Technologist

Favourite Bible Verse: Philippians 4vs19

Favourite Saying: Do not despise the days of small beginnings,

Words of wisdom for children: Let's always encourage our kids in the talents they show when they are young.

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Film: *Courageous*
Director: Alex Kendrick
Producer: Stephen Kendrick
Writer: Alex Kendrick & Stephen Kendrick
Starring: Alex Kendrick, Ken Bevel, Kevin Downes, Renee Jewell,
Release date: August 26, 2011
Running Time: 130 minutes

By Critical Chris

For Father’s Day I have decided to jump into my time machine and review a film released back in 2011. *Courageous* is a faith-based film tackling the subject of fatherhood and the responsibilities that are inherent with in. It was written and produced by the film making duo of Alex and Stephen Kendrick who entered the world of films with their 2003 effort *Flywheel*. Under the banner

of the Sherwood Baptist Church based in Albany, Georgia U.S.A., they created what has become widely recognised internationally as one of the premiere film ministries. Other films in their filmography include *Facing the Giants (2006)*, *Fireproof (2008)*, *Courageous (2011)*, *War Room (2015)* and *Overcomer (2019)*.

Our focus for today however is set in the small town of Albany and focuses on the interactions between four sheriff’s officers

and a Hispanic immigrant seeking gainful employment. Alex Kendrick plays Adam Mitchell, a police officer who struggles to balance his professional obligations with providing spiritual direction for his family. His fellow officers include Nathan Hayes (Ken Bevel), who just transferred from Atlanta to offer his family a peaceful life, David Thomson (Ben Davies) and Shane Fuller (Kevin Downes).

These are four haven't always been the best dads, but when disaster strikes, they must confront the facts of their respective lives and decide once and for all whether they will take up the mantle of the fathers they were always meant to be. Adam, especially, is re-born into the spiritual duties of traditional family values when his job continually exposes him to the societal ruin and spiritual gloom caused by fatherless households.

Courageous is skilful in the mixing of moving drama, understated comedy and several impressive action sequences. Stand out for me was the awesomely filmed foot chase and the shootout. The characters are intricate and fleshed out while besieged with personal matters that test their faith and personality. I have seen many faith-based films and firmly believe Courageous thrives where many of them have failed. Granted, faith is unquestionably in the forefront of the

film but it manages to entwine faith into real life and draws a convincing portrayal of poignantly real everyday people. Produced on a moderate production budget of \$1 million, (R7,215 million in 2011 money) demonstrates that a filmmaker with heart, passion, authenticity and, in this instance, faith can transcend a large budget or CGI heavy insanity.

Non-Christian audiences that may be interested in exploring this film may be put off by the heavy evangelising, which even I have to admit feels a bit more heavy handed than in the Kendricks' previous outings. So if you're looking for a film that mildly touches the surface and never preaches, you might want to give Courageous a hard pass. However, this is a film that you will love, appreciate, welcome and genuinely enjoy if faith is a part of your life or if you just want to appreciate a film where faith is a key element. To be a police officer undoubtedly requires a whole lot of grit, but being a father demands a degree of humility, fragility, and tenacity.

Courageous will force you to honour your fatherhood if you are one and may make you crave to be a father if you aren't one already. For those of you who have lost fathers or children, I suggest you get the box of tissue ready before watching it.



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Nickname: Faths

County of Residency: RSA

Children's Names: Tyrique, Tyresse and Kaiden

Occupation: Self Employed

Favourite Bible Verse: Proverbs 22vs6 - "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"

Favourite Saying: The Lord is way, the truth and life.

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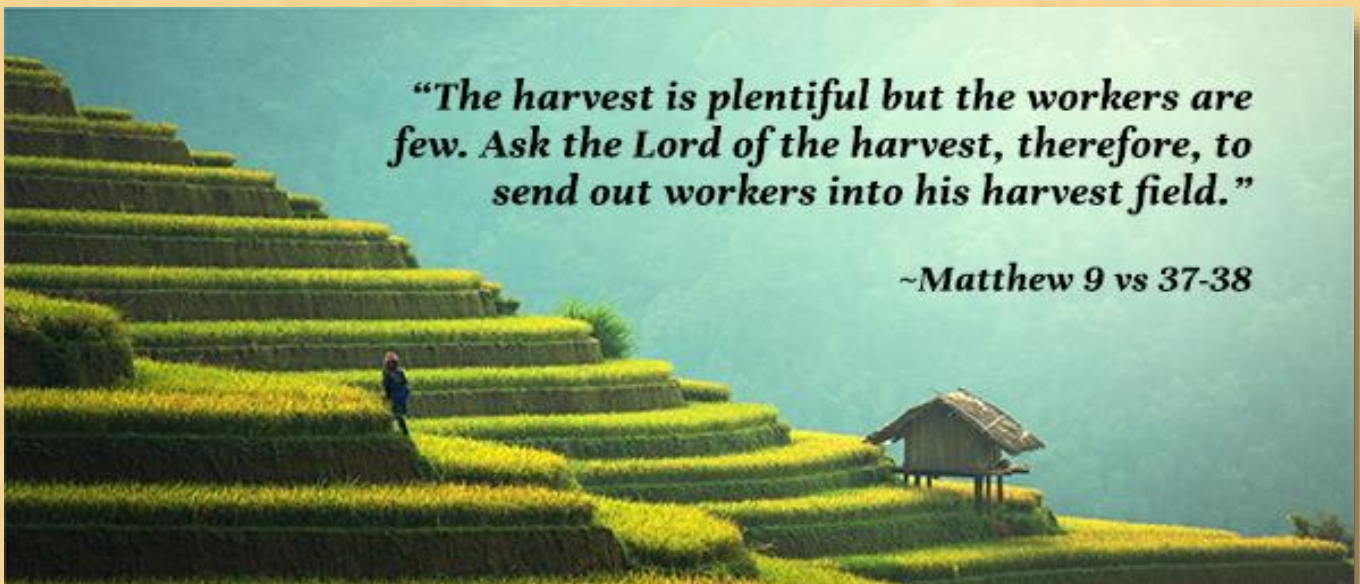
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Tribute to the Legends

to all the fathers

What is the measure of a man? Is it his money? His possessions? His professional success?

I don't believe it is any of these things. It is how much love he gives, how he helps others, how he stands up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

By this measure, my Dad was immeasurable. I lost my father 18 years ago and this has got to be one of the most difficult things I've gone through. They say when the mirror is broken you no longer see your image. And the fact that we looked alike makes it even more difficult.

In your physical absence, you left behind invaluable lessons about faith, love and life. The summary of our togetherness from cradle to your exit will forever remain in my mind, it's a memory that even death cannot erase. I find solace in the fact that you knew Christ and that I know I will see you again when the time comes.

~Miss Dee~

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... the person
(or pet) you miss. This can help
you remember them.



Dear Munya you were the greatest Dad any child could dream of, we miss your heartfelt love, that captivating laugh, that naughty grin and above all we miss all of you. Fly high our guardian angel, always and forever in our hearts.

~ Lynda Chihwayi ~



Draw your favorites m
with your loved one



Baba I miss and love you
~ Zoe Chihwayi ~



Name: Macloud Ndhlovu

Nickname: None

County of Residency: Zimbabwe

Children's Names: Keisha, Megan and Joel

Occupation: Artisan Fitter

Favourite Bible Verse: Psalms 140 vs 1- 13

Favourite Saying: Be blessed.

Words of Wisdom: In this time where drugs, alcohol and fornication seen to be the in thing, where disrespecting your parents and elders is considered cool, remember all this is just vanity and will only lead to your destruction. Put your trust in God because he will never fail you. His love is never ending and with him all things are possible.

Fathers are awesome. Fathers are men. Men love food.
Need I say more?

Enjoy



Sticky Ribs with Cajun Rice



Total Time: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 90 min.

Yield: Serves 4

Ingredients - Ribs

1 Large Onion, Chopped

½ Cup Tomato Passata
¼ Cup Tomato Sauce
⅓ Cup Brown Sugar
1 Garlic Clove, Crushed
1 ½ Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
2 Tsp Dijon Mustard
1.8kg American-Style Pork Ribs
Coleslaw, To Serve

Ingredients - Rice

20g Butter
1 Cup Basmati Rice
½ Tsp Mexican Chilli Powder
1 Tsp Ground Turmeric
½ Tsp Salt
½ Cup Frozen Corn Kernels
2 Green Onions, Thinly Sliced
2 Tbsp Fresh Coriander Leaves,
Roughly Chopped

Method

- Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Line a large roasting pan with baking paper.

- Combine passata, tomato sauce, sugar, garlic, Worcestershire sauce and mustard in a bowl. Place ribs in prepared pan. Brush ribs all over with marinade. Cover tightly with foil. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil. Turn ribs over. Baste with pan juices. Bake, uncovered, for a further 40 minutes, basting halfway through with pan juices.
- Meanwhile, make 'Dirty rice': Melt butter in a large saucepan over

medium heat. Add rice, chilli powder, turmeric and salt. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until rice is coated in spices. Add corn and 1.5 litres cold water. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, for 20 minutes or until water is absorbed and rice is tender. Remove from heat. Stir in onion and coriander.

- Cut ribs into pieces. Serve ribs with 'Dirty rice' and coleslaw.

Pasta with Grilled Chicken



- 255g Crackers, Chocolate Wafer Cookies, Vanilla Wafer Cookies, or Gingersnap Cookies
- 1 Tsp Raw Sugar
- ¼ Tsp Kosher Salt
- ½ Cup Cup (1 Stick) Unsalted Butter, Melted, Slightly Cooled

Cheesecake and Assembly

- 570g Cream Cheese Room Temperature ½ Cup Pesto Sauce
- ¾ Cup Granulated Sugar
- ¼ Tsp Kosher Salt
- 1 Vanilla Bean Split Lengthwise
- ⅔ Cup Cup Sour Cream, Room Temperature
- ¼ Tsp Finely Grated Lemon Zest

Ingredients - CRUST

2

Large Eggs, Room
Temperature

Method

- Preheat oven to 350°. Pulse graham crackers in a food processor until fine crumbs form (you should have about 2 cups). Add raw sugar and salt and pulse just to combine. Add butter and pulse until mixture is the consistency of wet sand.
- Transfer mixture to spring form pan and, using a measuring cup, press crumbs firmly onto bottom and 2" up sides of pan. Bake crust until fragrant and edges just start to take on colour, 12–15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool.
- Preheat oven to 325°. Pulse cream cheese, granulated sugar, and salt in food processor, occasionally scraping down sides of bowl, until smooth. Scrape in vanilla seeds; save pod for another use. Add sour cream and lemon zest and pulse until smooth. Add eggs and pulse to combine. Scrape into cooled crust and bake cheesecake until edges are set but centre is still wobbly, 35–40 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool. Chill until firm, at least 2 hours.
- Do Ahead: Cheesecake can be made 3 days ahead. Cover and chill. Bring to room temperature before serving.
- Room temperature ingredients ensure a smooth and creamy texture; take the cream cheese, sour cream, and eggs out of the refrigerator about 2 hours ahead of time.




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Nickname: Dad / 'Royal Dresser

County of Residency: United Kingdom / Britain

Children's Names: Ariella and Raphael

Occupation: Project Manager (Digital Design & Marketing)

Favourite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3: 5 & 6

Favourite Saying: "By all means"

Words of Wisdom:

- Listen to Mummy and Daddy
- Pray for yourself and your family
- Discover your gift from God (your talent); A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great. Proverbs 18:16

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My Two Cents

By The Penny Pincher

Like **Sierra LaPierre** wrote in her poem, **Grown Ups**, “Remember when dad’s shoulders was the highest place on earth?” For younger children, they don’t have to remember because they are living it. For the rest of us older children, it has taken more of a metaphorical meaning. Apart from the traditional provider role, fathers are sources of inspiration, motivation, support and love. So to show appreciation for these superheroes, Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington (USA) proposed a Fathers’ Day celebration back in 1909. Today Fathers’ Day is celebrated around the world annually on the third Sunday in June.

As the world has taught us, if you value someone, you wait for that one day that they and others that share their designation are celebrated and just buy them an expensive gift. After that you can forget about them until the same time next year. However, to quote **Bob Dylan**, “**The Times They Are A-Changin’**” COVID-19 and lock down regulations have drastically diminished most people’s disposable cash. So how do you then show love to “Daddy” while living under such harsh economic trends? Fear not, for your friendly and ever reliable Penny Pincher is here to give moms and children some frugal ideas that will not only save some money but also gain your father’s appreciation and gratitude. So ladies and gentlemen, let’s put our creative caps on and engage on some out of the box thinking.

1) **Immortalise the Memories. As flesh and blood beings, our memories do not last forever.**

Age and sometimes illness degrades our recollections until they are distorted and eroded. Thanks to technology, these memories can be preserved forever. Life is filled with special memories with Dad that you wish could live on forever. Whether they be family occasions, sporting events, Sunday afternoon braais, you can collect all your favourite pics and create a bespoke picture book. Nothing speaks to the heart like a collection of good old family photos. You can even take it a step further and frame a family photo for dad’s office or work



space to add to the photo album. This should cost you very little but is sure to make for a touching and eternal gift.

- 2) ***My Dad the Movie Star.*** In this the age of camera phones and video it is vital to take full advantage of the abundance of free and low-cost video editing software and apps available out there. You can take the photo album idea further by compiling all those family memories and create a mini-documentary with the family expressing how much of a role daddy plays in their lives. This makes for a brilliant gift that he will not only treasure but afford him the chance to share it and brag about how he is the subject of a documentary.
- 3) ***Raise Daddy's Banner.*** The tradition for most thrifty people is to give a sentimental card, write a touching letter or get the kids to doodle some loving pictures. While all those are good ideas, you can raise the bar and add a little more flair to it. Borrowing from the concept of birthday banners, you take a piece of long material or paper and write attractive loving words of gratitude to your father. You can hang this cloth or paper in his bedroom, living room or office. With some heartfelt words from mom and the older kids and those cute doodles from the younger kids, this idea will cost you very little to nothing but will express your love for him in an over-the-top and eye catching manner.
- 4) ***The Way to a Man's Heart.*** We all know that old adage and it still rings true today. Very few things in life warm a man's heart and stomach more than a delicious lunch or dinner. Whether he appreciates a juicy T-bone steak, a rack of sticky spare ribs, crumbed chicken pieces or a spicy 3 Bean curry, prepare one of his favourite meals and make it special. Thanks to a plethora of online food sites and ***Taqa Magazine's*** very own ***Kitchen Kraft***, It has become exceedingly easy to put on 5 Star chef airs. You can go on to create an entire event around the meal and create what those in catering circles call the ***Meal Experience***. Do a nice table setting by adding nice flowers, fresh cloth for the table, get the whole family involved by playing waiters and restaurant performers. This is something different and clearly shows him that a great deal of effort and thought went into making his day special.
- 5) ***"I don't have friends. I got family."*** – ***Dom Toretto, Fast and Furious Franchise.*** This statement epitomises a man's true wealth. To tap into this idea and turn it into a gift of its own, gather his siblings, friends and other family members and surprise him. While lockdown rules will restrict large family gatherings, technology can always step in with video call software like Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp, Skype or Teams instead. Organise a call with friends and family from all over the globe just to wish him a glorious Father's Day. This is another gift that will cost you nothing but be priceless to Daddy.
- 6) ***DIY Gifts.*** Rather than buying gifts for Dad, encourage your children to make them themselves. With simple plain coffee the kids can express their artistic flair by drawing images or writing notes on them. In the same vein you can decorate plain photo frames with paint or coloured markers, or make "coupon jars," in which your children fill a jar with reward

coupons for dad. These may be used for things like breakfast in bed, doing the garden, or giving him a foot massage.

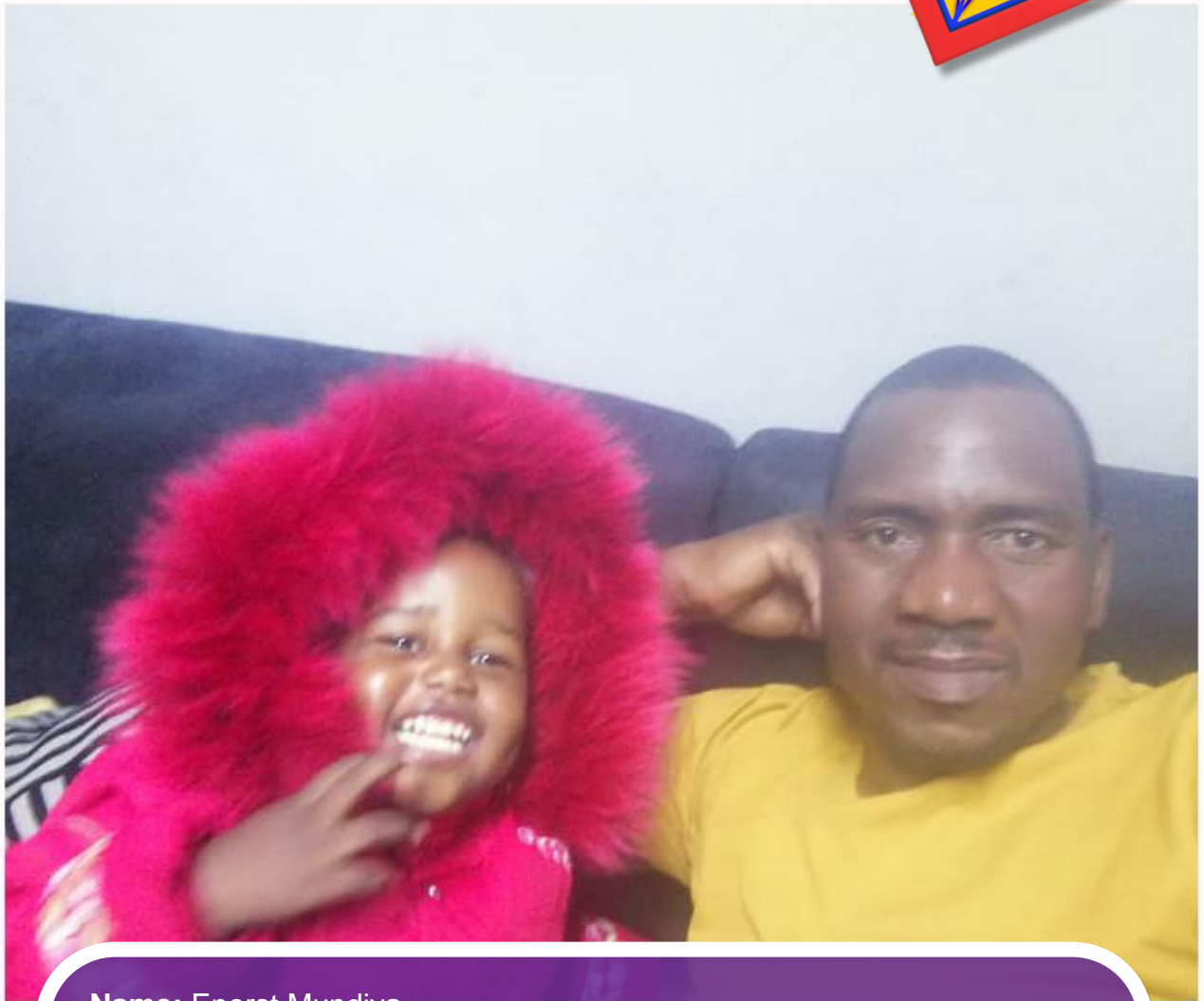
- 7) ***Wearing your Hearts On His Sleeves.*** With the awesome advances in technology printing T-Shirts, sweaters, pants, shirts and jackets has become more than simple. With clothes design and printing companies such as ***Lee M Lifestyle***, you can easily give your father an expertly designed piece of apparel that won't set you back hundreds. Whether you decide to put a touching message to warm his heart.
- 8) ***Take him to the movies.*** Select a few of his favourite family appropriate movies and have a binge session. In this the age of Netflix, Showmax, Amazon Prime and Google Play, this is made all more efficient. Bring the movie theatre into your living room by having one of the kids man a snack bar providing popcorn, hot dogs, chocolates and other treats.
- 9) ***From Mommy to Daddy (Just for Daddy).*** Though most of the so called the "Man's Man" and "Alpha Males" try to portray a gruff and macho image they too enjoy a good pampering. For the creative wives who would like to gift their husbands an exquisite but prudent Father's Day gift, you can look into creating a special spa experience for your husband. There is a litany of inexpensive home recipes and facilities you can roll out at home. From a mud bath, body scrubs, foot masks, steam facial, softening hand treatments and a soothing bath with aromatic bath salts, you can spoil him for the rest of the day and possibly the week. Who said Father's Day can't be romantic.

The best things in life are free. You knew I was going to pull that one out of the bag at some point. You don't have to spend a fortune to celebrate Father's Day. You can still celebrate Father's Day on a budget and still show Dad how much you care without breaking the bank. Making Dad feel loved and appreciated isn't about spending money, it's about spending quality time and sharing laughs. But then again that's just my two cents.



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Words of Wisdom: If God is all you have, you have all you need.

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