

Hearts Turned...Malachi 4:4-1

1) The National Center for Fathering reports that a staggering “_____ of all U.S. children live without their father.”

2) The Streets Were My Father – The men talked about the pain they felt growing up without a father figure to _____, _____, _____, _____ and instill _____ and _____.

3) Importance of fathers in the _____ of a people.

I. Effective Fathers _____ and _____ their children.

- Turn the _____ of the _____ to the children.
- Effective fathers aren't just responsible for _____ their children what is _____, but for caring about their needs, hurts, desires, dreams, and problems.

II. Embittered Children become _____ - _____.

- Dealing with your _____.
- Looking for entrance into the _____.
- Costs of ineffective Fathers
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III. Effective Fathers Keep this _____ in mind.

- Psalm 68:5-6 – God picks up where earthly fathers leave off.
- Let God supply what you are lacking = _____ and _____

Hearts turned is like _____ turn their face to the sun



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

Lead Me with Strong Hands.

This is the key phrase of the chorus of the song that is included below. The point of the song illustrates the message this morning. Men have big-time responsibilities that demand strength outside of themselves. In the American culture, this is needed as men are failing in fulfilling this God-given responsibility. While it can be intimidating to know that our wives and children are counting on us to have strong hands, that will not happen unless we have strong hands. That only comes from one place. The point of the song is the strong hands of a father come from the strength of God, our Father.

"Lead Me" by Sanctus Real

I look around and see my wonderful life, almost perfect from the outside
In picture frames I see my beautiful wife, always smiling,
But on the inside, I can hear her saying...

"Lead me with strong hands, stand up when I can't
Don't leave me hungry for love, chasing dreams, what about us?
Show me you're willing to fight, that I'm still the love of your life
I know we call this our home, but I still feel alone"

I see their faces, look in their innocent eyes, They're just children from the outside
I'm working hard, I tell myself they'll be fine, they're in independent
But on the inside, I can hear them saying...

"Lead me with strong hands, stand up when I can't
Don't leave me hungry for love, chasing dreams, but what about us?
Show me you're willing to fight, that I'm still the love of your life
I know we call this our home, but I still feel alone"

So Father, give me the strength, to be everything I'm called to be
Oh, Father, show me the way, to lead them, won't You lead me?

To lead them with strong hands, to stand up when they can't
Don't want to leave them hungry for love, chasing things that I could give up
I'll show them I'm willing to fight, and give them the best of my life
So we can call this our home, lead me, 'cause I can't do this alone

Father, lead me, 'cause I can't do this alone

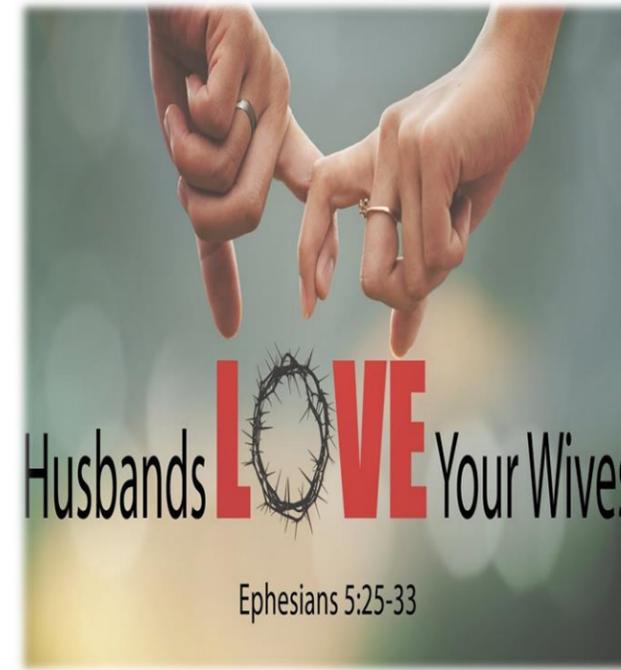
Sermon Summaries

Morning *Hearts Turned...Malachi 4:4-6*

A disturbing, long-term trend in American society is the lack of effective fathers in the American home. It began soon after the sexual revolution, and out of wedlock births increased. At this point in our history, with the dramatic increase of unplanned pregnancies, that number of fatherless homes is increasing to near 50%. Something needs to change, to save children and to save families. Feminism has minimized the role of the father and media stereotypes have mocked what God sees as a priority for a healthy society. Malachi says it clearly, "hearts of the fathers" must be turned to the children, or else...

Evening *We Are Made for Change – Matthew 7:1-6*

Change is not easy. Sometimes it is painful. When positive change happens in the life of a disciple of Jesus, it is always beautiful and always worth the effort. In Matthew 7, Jesus gives us a humorous but insightful teaching on the importance of change and why we don't change. This world gives us two options: change or stagnate. Stagnation leads to needless pain and suffering. Change leads to bearing much fruit in the Kingdom of God.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dee Faber pray that her fistula heals, and her pain will be relieved.

Larry Harker in hospital in Prescott.

Bob Justice has been moved to Mountain Valley Rehab on Wednesday; he is in room 401. He is slowly improving.

Theresa Miller (Larry Miller's daughter in law) cancer free, will be monitored periodically for a while.

Shirley (Denise Miller's sister) problems with her lungs and heart.

Sean Steward (friend of Barry & Millie Redden) still unable to speak and has no movement below his neck, due to COVID illness.

Adrian Lopez (Rick Lopez's brother) 28 years old with 4 small children, is in an unstable mental state. Currently missing.

Sue (Barbara Trammell's sister) cancer

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker** many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~ **Curtis Porter (friend of Marcia Serrano)** cancer

~ **Richard McDonald (Katherine Stewart's brother-in-law)** bladder cancer

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of the Gowers)** treatment for kidney cancer

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miller's niece)** treatment for her brain cancer.

~ **Ruthie Jarrett (Marcia Serrano's cousin)** is cancer free. Thank you for your prayers.

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Daniel Tillman** brain tumor

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

~ **Carol Ann Burdine (former member)** chemo for new tumors.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Ravenell Young

Betty McInnes (Syble Mann's mother) under hospice care.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
Suspended until Sept 15 th	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

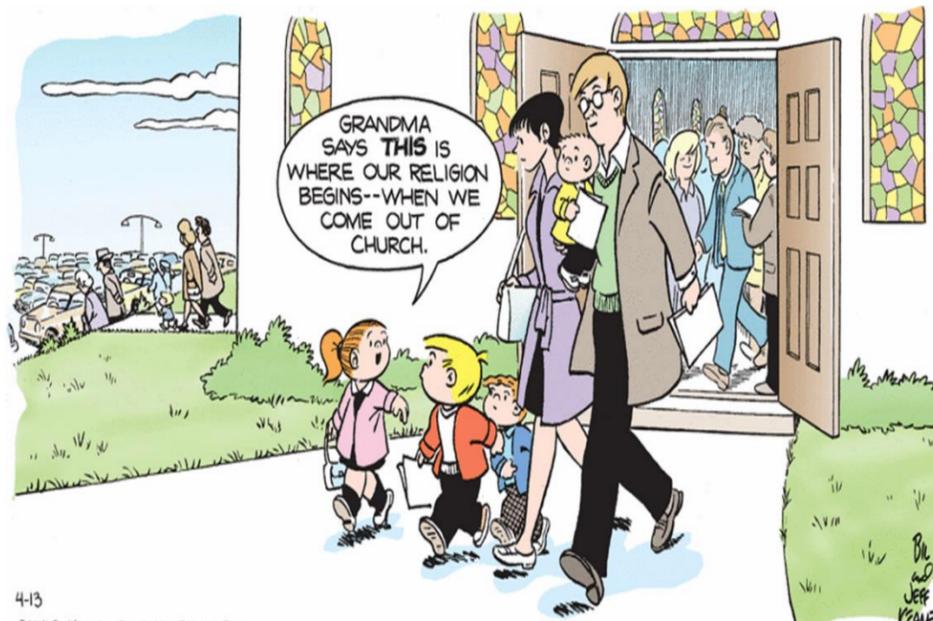
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Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

His Guiding Hand

His guiding hand points forward day and night,
Forever present, urging toward the right;
In faith believing, proud my steps have led
To kingdom service, arms toward heaven spread
In prayer. He showed me where to walk in light,
Never to waver in the face of wrong.
Thanks to God my father made me strong.

by J. Randal Matheny



Things to Know

Helping Hands Camp Donations

Ladies if you would like to make homemade items to sell at the upcoming ladies retreat please see Sally Guest. All proceeds from your donation will go toward the camp.

Ladies Retreat Donations

We are asking the ladies of the congregation for your help with baked goods. If you can make and donate items such as cookies, brownies, muffins or sweet breads, please see Patty Pinney or Heidi Guest.

Men's Retreat

Sept 17th & 18th. Flyers on back table.

Congratulations

Bryan and Leah Turner welcomed their new baby boy, Henry Ramsey Turner to the world on June 17th weighting 8 lbs. 10 oz and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well!

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OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to noon

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	62
AM Worship	112
PM Worship	30

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$3833