



**Take Courage - Encouragement for Fathers and Grandfathers
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I. Welcome and introduction

II. Two essential fatherhood Scriptures

Colossians 3:21 - Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers do not exasperate your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

A. The warning - "do not provoke / exasperate"

B. The positive call to *encourage* our children

Through external failure and internal failure

"I love you and I am with you."

"God loves you and He is with you."

Joshua 1:7-9

C. Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord

1. Training = spiritual exercises and spiritual practice

2. The "instruction of the Lord"

- Instruction through family worship
- Instruction through messy prayers
- Instruction through life discipleship

IV. Closing encouragements

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