# Strengthening Men: Faith and Resilience for Missionary Fathers



Encouraging missionary men raising children abroad to nurture faith, resilience, and identity grounded in God's Word.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day journey designed especially for men serving as missionaries and fathers abroad. Raising children in a cross-cultural mission field brings unique joys and challenges. This study aims to provide biblical encouragement, wisdom, and practical insight to help you raise your children with faith rooted deeply in God's Word, fostering resilience amidst diverse cultures and circumstances.

Men have a vital role not only as spiritual leaders in their families but also as role models demonstrating Christlike character and steadfastness. This plan recognizes the weight of raising missionary kids who face the complexities of dual identities — living between their home culture and the mission culture. Maintaining their identity in Christ, while adapting to a new environment, requires intentional parenting and spiritual formation.

Across these 21 days, you will explore Scripture passages centered on godly manhood, leadership, faith, perseverance, and fatherhood. Each day includes devotional reflections, powerful Scriptures, and thought-provoking questions designed to encourage you to grow personally and minister confidently to your children and family. You'll find prayers aimed at strengthening your heart and offering strength to your family.

This study invites you to embrace the calling God has given, knowing He equips you fully — cultivating resilience in your children and yourself with a firm foundation built on the unchanging truth of God's Word.







May this time together deepen your understanding of what it means to be a man of God, a faithful missionary, and a loving, godly father raising the next generation in faith.

















#### Your Verse

1 Corinthians 16:13 – "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."
- Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."







#### Devotional: Stand Firm and Lead Courageously

Entering the mission field as a man of God requires spiritual strength, courage, and steadfast faith. 1 Corinthians 16:13 reminds us to be alert and to stand firm in our beliefs, qualities essential for leading both your family and ministry. Missionary life can be filled with unknowns and challenges that test your endurance and trust in God.

As a father raising missionary children, your example of courage and resilience profoundly influences their formation of faith and identity. Your strength does not come from yourself alone but from the Lord's mighty power (Ephesians 6:10). Remember Joshua's charge — God calls you to be strong and courageous, assuring you of His presence wherever you go.

Take time to embrace the mantle of godly manhood, grounded not in worldly strength but in unwavering faith. This posture shapes how your children will face their unique journeys, empowering them to navigate a world where their cultural and spiritual identities intersect.







#### Reflect and Apply

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2. I	How can your example of courage impact your children's faith formation?
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	What fears or discouragements might God be calling you to surrender to Him today?
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#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when leaning on God's strength helped you persevere.
	Describe how you want your children to see you as a man of faith and courage.
3.	Identify one area where you need to stand firmer in faith this week.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father God,** thank You for calling me to be a man of faith and courage. Help me to stand strong in the challenges of mission life and to lead my family by Your power and grace. May my life reflect Your strength and love, and may my children learn resilience and trust in You through me. Surround us with Your peace and assurance wherever we go. In Jesus' name, Amen.



















Day 2: A Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

#### Your Verse

Psalm 103:13 – "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







Day 2: A Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

#### Devotional: Nurturing Compassionate Fatherhood

Fatherhood is a precious calling that mirrors God's compassionate heart towards His children. Psalm 103:13 beautifully expresses the tenderness God shows us, reminding us to cultivate compassion in our own hearts as fathers. Missionary life can sometimes place physical distance between extended family and your children, heightening the importance of a nurturing, compassionate home environment.

Proverbs 22:6 urges us to lay a spiritual foundation for our children's lives so solid it endures a lifetime. Discipleship starts at home, through intentional teaching, modeling, and loving discipline. Ephesians 6:4 warns against frustration or harshness, urging fathers to gently steer their children in God's truth.

Raising missionary kids means you uniquely balance cultural adaptation with spiritual formation. Your compassionate guidance creates a safe harbor where your children can grow resilient and confident in their identity as God's beloved, even far from their birth culture. Embrace this divine role wholeheartedly and let your heart remain tender and your words filled with grace.







Day 2: 🚹 Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's compassion shape your approach to fatherhood?
2.	In what ways can you intentionally nurture your children's spiritual growth daily?
3.	What challenges do you face in balancing culture and faith in parenting?







Day 2: 🚹 Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on how God's compassion has impacted your life as a father.
	Write down practical ways you can show grace and patience to your children this week.
	Describe your hopes for your children's spiritual journey and identity in Christ.







Day 2: 🚱 Fatherhood as a Divine Calling

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for the privilege of being a father. Teach me to lead my family with compassion and patience, reflecting Your kindness. Help me to raise my children in Your ways, so they grow strong in faith and identity despite the challenges of mission life. Fill our home with Your love and peace. Amen.









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#### Your Verse

Galatians 3:28 – "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:11 "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."
- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."







#### Devotional: Rooting Identity in Christ Alone

Missionary children often navigate complex questions of identity as they live between cultures. Galatians 3:28 offers a powerful truth that supersedes cultural differences: in Christ, we share an unbreakable unity. This is foundational when helping your children root their self-worth and identity.

Colossians 3:11 complements this by reminding us that Christ's presence transcends every cultural or social barrier. Helping your kids embrace their identity in Jesus enables them to face pressures to conform to worldviews contradictory to their faith. Jeremiah 29:11 further encourages by assuring that God's plans for them are good and hopeful, even in unfamiliar settings.

As a father, your role is to guide your children lovingly through identity questions — teaching them that their greatest and most secure identity is found in being fully loved and accepted children of God. Encourage open conversations and never dismiss their cultural struggles but anchor these challenges in God's eternal truth.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you personally experience your identity in Christ amid cultural transitions?
2.	What struggles related to identity have your children expressed or might face?
	How can you foster conversations about faith and culture that affirm their God-given identity?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about moments when your identity in Christ was challenged or affirmed abroad.
	List ways to encourage your children to see themselves through God's eyes.
3.	Reflect on God's promises for your family's future in Jeremiah 29:11.







#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father,** thank You for creating each of us uniquely and for giving us a shared identity as Your children in Christ. Help me to guide my children in understanding and embracing this truth above all cultural differences. Strengthen their faith and remind them daily of Your good plans for them. May they find confidence and hope in You wherever we are. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:11 "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







#### Devotional: Sustaining Spirit-Filled Leadership

Maintaining spiritual passion is vital for missionary fathers raising children in a faith-filled home abroad. 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that God's Spirit empowers us with boldness, love, and discipline—qualities needed for consistent spiritual leadership. It's easy to grow weary or passive in challenging environments, but your example can kindle a zeal for God's Word across generations.

Romans 12:11 encourages us not to slack in spiritual enthusiasm but to serve with fervor. When your children witness your authentic love and passion for Christ and Scripture, it inspires them to pursue faith wholeheartedly. Psalm 119:105 assures us that God's Word is our guiding light through uncertain terrain, both literally and figuratively.

This fire of faith is cultivated through daily personal devotion and family worship. As you sustain your spiritual fervor, your children learn to depend on God's Word as their lamp and light—building resilience grounded in scripture and His presence.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do you sense your spiritual passion needs renewal or growth?
	How does your daily walk with God influence your family's faith atmosphere?
	What practical steps can you take to model sustained zeal for God's Word?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List moments when God's Spirit empowered you with courage or love.
	Write about your current devotional habits and how you might improve them.
	Plan a family worship time focusing on igniting spiritual passion in your children.







#### Prayer for Today

**Holy Spirit,** fill me anew with Your power, love, and self-discipline. Help me to lead my family with zeal and passion for Christ. May my love for God's Word light the way for my children and inspire their hearts to follow You faithfully. Strengthen us for the mission and nurture a lasting spiritual fire within us. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything... And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."
- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."







#### Devotional: Anchoring Family Peace in God

Missionary life involves unexpected transitions and uncertainty that can stir anxiety, especially when raising children abroad. Philippians 4:6–7 encourages us to bring every concern to God through prayer and thanksgiving. In exchange, God offers a peace beyond human understanding that guards our hearts and minds.

Isaiah 26:3 teaches that this perfect peace comes when our minds are fixed firmly on trusting God. Holding onto this peace amidst change models trust and calmness for your children who may struggle with instability.

Jesus' words in John 14:27 remind us His peace differs from the world's fleeting comfort. It sustains us internally, nurturing emotional and spiritual resilience. By embracing God's peace deliberately, you create a home atmosphere where fear gives way to confident trust, enabling your family to flourish no matter the challenges.







## Reflect and Apply

	What anxieties do you face as a missionary father that impact your home life?
2.	How do you practice bringing concerns to God in faith and thanksgiving?
3.	In what ways can you foster a peaceful environment that nurtures your children's resilience?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent time God's peace comforted you during change.
	List practical ways to remind your family of God's presence in uncertain times.
	Reflect on how you can encourage your children to trust God when they feel afraid.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord Jesus,** teach me to release my anxieties to You and to embrace Your perfect peace. Guard my heart and mind through the changes and challenges of mission life. Help me to create a calm and trusting home where my children learn to rely on You above all. Thank You for Your peace that surpasses understanding. Amen.









# Day 6: m Modeling Integrity and Character









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### Your Verse

Proverbs 20:7 - "The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 4:12 "Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
- Titus 2:7-8 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good...then those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."







Day 6: m Modeling Integrity and Character

### Devotional: Living a Life of Visible Integrity

One of the greatest gifts a missionary father can give is a life of integrity and godly character. Proverbs 20:7 highlights how living blamelessly blesses not only you but also your children, shaping their worldview and faith foundation.

Paul's charge to Timothy stresses setting an example in how you speak, behave, love, and maintain purity. When your children see authentic faith reflected in your daily character, they learn to value holiness and integrity amid a culture that may not share your values.

Titus reminds us that consistent godly behavior silences critics and honors Christ. Being a witness through your actions, words, and decisions is vital in mission settings, demonstrating that God's transforming power is real and practical.

Commit today to cultivating character that honors God visibly and intentionally, providing your children a trustworthy example to follow amid challenging cultural influences.







Day 6: fine Modeling Integrity and Character

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How would your children describe your example of godly character?
	What areas of integrity could be strengthened in your personal or family life?
	How does your character witness impact your ministry and family influence?







Day 6: 🛍 Modeling Integrity and Character

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Identify specific behaviors or attitudes you want to model better for your children.
2.	Write about how you can stay accountable to living blamelessly.
	Plan ways to intentionally teach integrity through stories or Scripture with your children.







Day 6: m Modeling Integrity and Character

### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** help me to live a life marked by integrity and righteousness. May my words and actions reflect Your holiness, blessing my family and our mission. Strengthen me to be an example my children can trust and follow, honoring You in all I do. Thank You for Your grace that empowers me. Amen.



















Day 7: 🙎 Teaching Truth with Wisdom

### Your Verse

Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."







Day 7: 💁 Teaching Truth with Wisdom

### Devotional: Wisdom: The Key to Faithful Teaching

Wisdom is essential when instructing missionary children in faith and life. Proverbs 9:10 anchors all true wisdom in the reverence for God, making it clear that knowing Him is foundational for understanding.

James encourages us to ask God for wisdom generously, welcoming His guidance daily. Teaching children in a missionary setting is complex, as they encounter different worldviews and values.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 reminds fathers to impress God's commands on their children diligently. This involves intentional conversations, nurturing curiosity about God, and guiding responses to cultural challenges. Ponder how consistent, wise, Spirit-led teaching builds resilience and faith that endures outside familiar contexts.







Day 7: 🕿 Teaching Truth with Wisdom

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you seek God's wisdom for parenting and ministry decisions?
	In what ways can you make teaching Scripture more intentional and relational?
	What cultural obstacles might your children face that require wise guidance?







Day 7: 🕿 Teaching Truth with Wisdom

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment you experienced God's wisdom as a guide.
2.	List key biblical truths you want your children to grasp deeply.
	Plan a specific time to teach or discuss Scripture with your children this week.







Day 7: 💁 Teaching Truth with Wisdom

### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord, source of all wisdom,** grant me understanding as I teach and guide my children. Help me to fear You rightly and to impart knowledge that builds their faith and character. May Your Spirit lead my words and actions to be wise and loving in the face of cultural challenges. Thank You for Your unwavering guidance. Amen.



















Day 8: 🎔 Building Strong Family Unity

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:12 – "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
- Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"







Day 8: 🌣 Building Strong Family Unity

# Devotional: Unity: The Strength of Missionary Families

Missionary families face pressures that can strain unity—cultural differences, isolation, and demanding schedules. Ecclesiastes 4:12 highlights the strength found in togetherness, especially when God is the third strand in your family's bond. Unity rooted in Christ forms a resilient foundation that withstands external challenges.

Colossians 3:14 encourages putting on love, which perfectly binds all virtues into harmony. Love is intentional, manifesting in forgiveness, patience, and encouragement. Psalm 133 celebrates the beauty of harmony among God's people—your family included.

Cultivating strong unity requires daily effort—open communication, shared devotion times, and mutual support. Your children flourish when they see their parents united in purpose and love, reinforcing their security and faith identity.







Day 8: 🍑 Building Strong Family Unity

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What challenges threaten unity in your family today?
2.	How can you actively foster love and harmony in daily interactions?
3.	What role does God play in strengthening your family's bond?







Day 8: 🎔 Building Strong Family Unity

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write down ways you can improve communication and connection with family members.
2.	Describe a family moment where unity was evident and meaningful.
3.	Make a plan for a family activity that builds relational strength and faith.







Day 8: 🎔 Building Strong Family Unity

### **Prayer for Today**

**God of unity,** draw us together as one family, bound by Your love. Help us to walk in forgiveness, patience, and understanding. Strengthen our ties so that we can support and encourage one another through the joys and trials of mission life. May our home reflect Your perfect harmony. Amen.



















### Your Verse

Joshua 1:8 - "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night."

### Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 1:2 "But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."
- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."







# Devotional: Making Scripture the Heartbeat of Family Life

God's Word is the foundation and compass for you and your missionary family. Joshua 1:8 commands us to meditate on Scripture constantly, ensuring success and alignment with God's will. Missionary children benefit enormously from daily exposure to God's truths in ways that connect with their unique experiences.

Psalm 1 celebrates delight and meditation on God's law, nurturing spiritual roots that cannot be shaken. As fathers, prioritizing Scripture's role creates a legacy of faithfulness.

2 Timothy 3:16 clarifies Scripture's usefulness—not only for instruction but also necessary correction and growth. Let the Word be central in family devotionals, teaching moments, and personal reflection. In the unpredictability of mission life, it remains an unchanging anchor of truth, identity, and hope for your children and you.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How consistently do you incorporate Scripture into daily family rhythms?
2.	What makes God's Word come alive and relevant in your missionary context?
3.	How can you encourage your children to develop personal love for the Bible?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Describe your current family devotional practices and what you'd like to change or keep.
2.	Write a favorite Scripture you want to memorize or teach your children.
3.	Plan ways to creatively engage your children with Scripture this week.







### Prayer for Today

**Dear Lord,** instill a deep love for Your Word in my heart and in the hearts of my children. Guide us to meditate thoughtfully on Scripture day and night, using it to shape our lives and strengthen our faith. May Your Word be our constant guide and unshakable foundation amidst all circumstances. Amen.









# Day 10: Trials Encouraging Perseverance in









Day 10: **Y** Encouraging Perseverance in Trials

### Your Verse

James 1:12 - "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 5:3-5 "Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."
- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair."







Day 10: **Y** Encouraging Perseverance in Trials

### Devotional: Walking Through Trials with Hope

Missionary life, combined with parenting abroad, often brings persistent challenges and tests of endurance. James 1:12 promises a blessing and a reward for those who persevere through trials. Teaching your children about perseverance helps build resilience and hope in God's sustaining power.

Romans 5:3-5 teaches that suffering is a pathway to perseverance that refines character and solidifies hope. As you model perseverance, your children witness how faith carries us through hardship.

Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 encourage us with honesty about pressures, while affirming we are never defeated. Help your family embrace trials as opportunities for growth, guarding hearts against discouragement by resting in God's promises and presence.







Day 10: 🔽 Encouraging Perseverance in Trials

### Reflect and Apply

	What trials currently test your faith and leadership in family and ministry?
2.	How have past challenges strengthened your character and hope?
3.	In what ways can you reinforce perseverance in your children?







Day 10: 🔽 Encouraging Perseverance in Trials

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent difficulty where you saw God's sustaining power.
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2.	List Scripture verses that encourage you to persevere.
	Consider how you can share stories of faith and perseverance with your kids.







Day 10: **Y** Encouraging Perseverance in Trials

### Prayer for Today

**Jesus, strength of my heart,** help me to persevere through every challenge with eyes fixed on Your eternal promise. Teach me to model perseverance faithfully so my children learn to trust You completely. Fill us with hope and courage that we may stand firm, receiving Your crown of life. Amen.



















### Your Verse

Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually."
- Matthew 6:6 "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen."







### Devotional: Creating a Culture of Prayer

Prayer is foundational to building resilience and faith in missionary families. Philippians 4:6 encourages presenting everything to God with thanksgiving, a practice that cultivates peace and dependence on Him.

Praying continually, as 1 Thessalonians 5:17 advises, demonstrates reliance on God through all circumstances. As a father, initiating and maintaining a culture of prayer at home both anchors your family spiritually and invites God to guide your journey.

Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:6 about the intimacy and sincerity of personal prayer, which both you and your children can model together. Leading prayer with humble heart, openness, and consistency helps the whole family grow in confidence and reliance on God's faithfulness.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How regularly do you lead your family in prayer?
2.	What barriers exist that affect your prayer life or your family's?
3.	How can you nurture a sincere and continuous prayer practice with your children?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how prayer has impacted your family's faith journey.
2.	List prayer requests specific to your family's mission and growth.
3.	Plan a daily or weekly prayer routine with your children.







### Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father,** thank You for the privilege of prayer. Teach me to lead with a heart of sincerity and gratitude, inspiring my children to turn to You continually. May prayer become the lifeblood of our family, carrying us through every circumstance. Help us to trust Your provision and peace. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

Hebrews 10:24–25 – "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
- Acts 2:46 "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts."







#### Devotional: The Power of Christian Fellowship

Missionary fathers and their families thrive best when connected within a supportive spiritual community. Hebrews 10:24–25 reminds us of the importance of encouraging one another and not neglecting gathering together.

Ecclesiastes reinforces the value of companionship and mutual support, crucial for families experiencing new cultures and possible isolation. Daily fellowship as exhibited in Acts 2:46 fostered vibrant, resilient faith.

Depending on God's provision through community helps strengthen your family's spiritual health. Actively seeking relationships with other believers, whether in local churches or missionary networks, provides encouragement, accountability, and shared wisdom.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How connected is your family to a spiritual community?
	What benefits and challenges have you experienced with community living abroad?
	How can you prioritize and nurture fellowship for yourself and your children?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a time when community strengthened your faith.
2.	Identify local or virtual Christian groups to engage with.
	Write specific ways to build friendships that support your family's mission.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord of the Church,** thank You for the gift of community. Lead us to fellow believers who will encourage and support our family. Help us to actively engage and contribute to spiritual fellowship that builds faith and resilience. May we spur one another on in love and good deeds. Amen.









# Day 13: Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family









Day 13: 🐠 Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
- Psalm 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."







Day 13: Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family

#### Devotional: Godly Balance for Missionary Fathers

Balancing the demands of ministry, secular work, and family life is a reality every missionary father faces. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that God ordains times and seasons, calling for wisdom in managing priorities.

Colossians 3:23 encourages wholehearted work done as service to the Lord, which includes family responsibilities. Psalm 127 calls children a precious heritage, warranting intentional investment of time and love.

Learning to balance is crucial for fostering your children's well-being and spiritual growth. Prioritize moments with family amidst vocational duties, clearly communicating love and commitment. Rest and Sabbath rhythms also sustain stamina. Valuing family time grounds your children's resilience and identity in your loving presence.







Day 13: 🕦 Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How effectively are you balancing ministry and family responsibilities?
2.	What changes might help you better prioritize your children and spouse?
3.	How can you guard against burnout while serving faithfully?







Day 13: 🕦 Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List current time demands and reflect on alignment with God's priorities.
2.	Write a personal plan to improve work-family balance.
	Pray through ways to safeguard rest and relational rhythms in your family.







Day 13: 👰 Balancing Work, Ministry, and Family

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** teach me to steward my time and energy well. Help me honor You in my work and love my family deeply, balancing both with wisdom. Renew my strength and guide my steps to nurture my children's faith without neglecting calling or rest. Thank You for the gift of family. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Romans 8:37 - "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."







#### Devotional: Overcoming Through God's Strength

Spiritual resilience empowers missionary fathers and their children to overcome hardships with God's sustenance. Romans 8:37 assures that through Christ's love, we are not merely survivors but conquerors.

Isaiah promises renewed strength for those who place hope in the Lord, a vital source of endurance abroad. Paul's honesty about weakness, paired with God's sufficient grace (2 Corinthians 12:9), encourages embracing vulnerability while relying on divine power.

Building resilience is a daily process—rooted in hope, dependence on God, and reframing challenges as growth opportunities. Modeling this resilient faith invites your children to persevere, grounded not in their own strength, but in Christ who strengthens.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you experience God's victory and grace during difficult times?
	What weaknesses or struggles are you willing to surrender to God's power?
3.	How can you nurture resilience in your children through your example?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a trial when you felt 'more than a conqueror' in Christ.
2.	List ways you can intentionally renew your hope and strength daily.
3.	Reflect on how vulnerability and grace interplay in your faith journey.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for making me victorious through Your love. Help me depend fully on Your grace when I am weak and renew my strength each day. Teach me to demonstrate resilience for my children, pointing them always to Your power within us. May Your strength sustain our family. Amen.











# Day 15: 6 Setting Godly Priorities









#### Your Verse

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 10:40–42 "Martha was distracted by all the preparations... but only one thing is needed."
- Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."







#### Devotional: Centering Life on God's Kingdom

Setting spiritual priorities anchors missionary fathers and their families in God's kingdom purpose. Matthew 6:33 calls us to seek God's kingdom first, trusting Him to provide for our needs.

The story of Martha and Mary in Luke reveals the importance of prioritizing relationship with Jesus over busyness and distractions. Missionary life filled with responsibilities may pull your attention in many directions but keeping Christ at the center nurtures peace and clarity.

Psalm 90:12 encourages wisdom through an awareness of life's brevity and purposefulness. Focusing daily on what truly matters refines your calling as father and missionary, ensuring your family's spiritual health is never sidelined.







## Reflect and Apply

Are you intentionally seeking God's kingdom ahead of other commitments?
Where do distractions most often pull you away from your family or faith?
How could you restructure your priorities to better align with God's kingdom?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down your top three priorities and evaluate their alignment with Christ's call.
2.	Reflect on a time when focusing on God's kingdom brought peace or provision.
3.	Plan one change to better pursue kingdom priorities with your family.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Heavenly Father, help me to seek Your kingdom first in all areas of life. Remove distractions and clarify my priorities so I may lead my family with wisdom and purpose. Teach us to value time and purpose rightly, trusting Your provision and guidance. May Christ be our constant focus and source. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

2 Peter 3:18 – "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 6:1 "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity."
- Ephesians 4:15 "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."







#### Devotional: Pursuing Spiritual Maturity as a Family

Growth in grace and knowledge is a lifelong journey, especially for missionary families embracing new cultures and challenges. 2 Peter 3:18 encourages continual progress in understanding and living out faith.

Hebrews pushes believers to mature beyond basics, encouraging deeper faith and discernment. Ephesians emphasizes growth through truthful, loving relationships within the body of Christ, reflecting Christlike maturity.

Model spiritual growth by pursuing personal study, humility, and open dialogue with your children about their questions and discoveries. Encourage your family to move beyond surface understanding toward a resilient, mature faith that thrives in cross-cultural settings.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you experienced growth in grace recently?
2.	What steps are you taking to nurture maturity in your children's faith?
3.	How can honest, loving conversations facilitate growth at home?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a spiritual truth you recently discovered or deepened.
	List practical ways to encourage your family's faith development this month.
3.	Describe a challenge that led to growth in your spiritual journey.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** help me and my family to grow continually in grace and knowledge of You. Guide us toward maturity, teaching us to speak truth in love and live as Your reflecting body. Strengthen our faith to withstand cultural pressures and to shine Your light abroad. Amen.









# Day 17: 💢 Overcoming Spiritual Battle









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#### Your Verse

Ephesians 6:11 – "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Peter 5:8 "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion."
- James 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."







Day 17: 🔀 Overcoming Spiritual Battle

#### Devotional: Equipped to Stand Against the Enemy

Spiritual battles are real and frequent in missionary life, making vigilance and reliance on God essential. Ephesians 6:11 calls us to intentionally don God's armor, equipping ourselves to stand firm against evil.

1 Peter warns us to be alert and sober-minded, recognizing the devil's tactics to undermine faith and family unity. James 4:7 encourages submission to God and resistance against the enemy, assuring victory through obedience.

Leading your family spiritually includes preparing them to recognize and stand against spiritual opposition. Pray for discernment and strength, teach your children about spiritual warfare, and demonstrate a lifestyle grounded in Scripture and prayer. This preparedness builds resilience and steadfastness in faith.







Day 17: 💥 Overcoming Spiritual Battle

## Reflect and Apply

How aware are you of spiritual battles within your family and ministry?
What practices help you daily put on God's armor effectively?
How can you teach your children to recognize and resist spiritual attacks?







Day 17: 💥 Overcoming Spiritual Battle

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a situation where you sensed spiritual opposition and God's help.
2.	List the parts of the Armor of God and how you apply them.
3.	Plan a family conversation or teaching on spiritual warfare.







Day 17: 💥 Overcoming Spiritual Battle

#### Prayer for Today

**Mighty God,** equip me with Your full armor to stand strong against the enemy's schemes. Open my eyes to spiritual realities and help me teach my family to resist temptation and fear. Grant us grace to be vigilant and victorious in Your power. Amen.









# Day 18: 🥕 Celebrating God's Faithfulness









Day 18: 🕭 Celebrating God's Faithfulness

#### Your Verse

Lamentations 3:22-23 - "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."
- 2 Corinthians 1:20 "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ."







Day 18: 🕭 Celebrating God's Faithfulness

### Devotional: Remembering God's Unfailing Love

Amidst challenges, remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness fuels hope and gratitude. Lamentations 3:22–23 beautifully reassures us of His compassion and mercy renewed each day.

Psalm 89 calls us to proclaim God's faithfulness across generations, a practice vital for missionary families building legacy. 2 Corinthians reminds us every divine promise is affirmed in Christ—our unchanging anchor.

Recognizing God's steady faithfulness encourages you and your children to trust Him more deeply. Celebrate milestones, answered prayers, and daily mercies with thanksgiving, fostering a family culture that rejoices in God's goodness and sustains resilience.







Day 18: 🥕 Celebrating God's Faithfulness

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What recent experiences highlight God's faithfulness in your life?
2.	How do you cultivate gratitude within your family?
3.	In what ways can you celebrate God's promises with your children?







Day 18: 🥕 Celebrating God's Faithfulness

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a list of God's faithful acts you have witnessed in your family.
	Describe traditions or practices you could create to celebrate God's goodness.
3.	Reflect on how gratitude influences your family's faith and resilience.







Day 18: 🕭 Celebrating God's Faithfulness

# **Prayer for Today**

**Faithful God,** thank You for Your unfailing love and fresh mercies each morning. Help me to recognize Your hand in every part of our journey and to lead my family in remembering and celebrating Your goodness and promises. May our hearts overflow with gratitude and hope. Amen.











Day 19: 31 Planning for Legacy









#### Your Verse

Psalm 78:4 - "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 4:9 "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen."
- Proverbs 13:22 "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children."







### Devotional: Building a Spiritual Inheritance

Legacy is more than material inheritance; it is passing down faith and testimony to future generations. Psalm 78:4 underscores the importance of sharing God's works with children so they embrace faith deeply.

Deuteronomy warns of the danger in forgetfulness, calling for vigilance in preserving spiritual stories. Proverbs adds that a godly legacy impacts not just immediate offspring but generations beyond.

Consider how your missionary family story can inspire resilience and faith for years to come. Intentional storytelling, teaching, and preserving memories shape your children's identity and passion. Plan to integrate legacy-building into your parenting and ministry vision.







# Reflect and Apply

	What stories of God's faithfulness in your life do you want your children to know?
2.	How intentionally are you preserving spiritual teaching and memory?
3.	What legacy do you desire to leave for your children and theirs?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	. Write a brief story of God's work in your missionary journey.
2.	. Plan ways to share faith stories with your children regularly.
3.	. Reflect on values and truths you want passed on to future generations.







### Prayer for Today

God of generations, help me to faithfully pass the story of Your goodness and faithfulness to my children. May our family legacy be one of resilience, courage, and steadfast faith in You. Give me wisdom to teach and preserve these truths in ways that inspire lasting devotion. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:19–20 – "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... And surely I am with you always."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 1:8 "...you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."
- Romans 10:14 "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?"







### Devotional: Living the Great Commission Together

As missionary fathers, your calling is part of God's grand global mission. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19–20 reminds us to actively share the gospel across cultures with the assurance of Jesus' presence.

Acts 1:8 encourages witness to the farthest reaches of the earth, expanding the family's participation in God's kingdom purposes. Romans 10:14 highlights the urgency of gospel witness, emphasizing the role your family plays in that mission.

Incorporate your children into this vision, helping them see their identity connected with God's global work. Teaching them about diverse peoples and cultures strengthens purpose and builds resilience to thrive where God plants you.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do your children understand their role in the global mission?
2.	What steps can you take to involve them in sharing God's love?
3.	How does the promise of Christ's presence impact your family's courage?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your family's unique contribution to the mission field.
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2.	Plan teaching moments about the Great Commission for your children.
3.	Reflect on how God's presence encourages you daily.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for calling our family to participate in Your global mission. Help us to make disciples with boldness and love, teaching our children to embrace this calling. Remind us that You are with us always, strengthening and guiding every step. May we impact many for Your glory. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Psalm 127:3-5 - "Children are a heritage from the Lord... blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 64:8 "Yet you, Lord, are our Father... we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."
- John 1:12 "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."







### Devotional: Honoring God's Gift of Fatherhood

Ending this 21-day journey, celebrate the sacred role of fatherhood entrusted by God. Psalm 127 describes children as a divine heritage, a blessing and joy for fathers.

Isaiah reminds us of God's fatherly hand shaping us uniquely and purposefully. John 1:12 invites reflection on our ultimate identity as God's children, reflecting the love and intentionality we extend as fathers.

Embrace your role with gratitude and humility, knowing you are partnering with God to nurture faith, resilience, and identity in your children. Your love and faithfulness leave an eternal impact. May you be encouraged and empowered to continue walking this path with joy and grace.







# Reflect and Apply

How do you see God's hand in your journey as a father?
What blessings and challenges define your role today?
How will you continue nurturing your children's identity and faith?







# **Journaling Prompts**

Reflect on how fatherhood has shaped your relationship with God.
Write a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to your family.
List the ways you hope to grow as a godly father moving forward.







# **Prayer for Today**

**Gracious Father,** thank You for entrusting me with the precious gift of fatherhood. Help me to cherish and lead my children with wisdom, patience, and love. May my life reflect Your hand at work, shaping us daily. Strengthen our family in faith and resilience, honoring You in all we do. Amen.









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