

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 *But he (God) said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

--- Homework ---

Take a moment to think deeply about the following questions and to answer them honestly from your heart.

- **Do you find it easy or difficult to admit your weakness? Explain.**
- **What does it look like to turn to God when we need help? How do we find Him?**
- **What decisions do you need to make while you're in prison?**
- **What steps do you need to take while you're in prison?**
- **What steps do you need to take right now?**

1. What kind of man do you want to be after you're finished with prison?
2. What kind of husband do you want to be after you're released from prison?
3. What kind of father do you want to be after you're released?
4. What kind of provider do you want to be once you're are released?

The Malachi Dads Pledge

As a Malachi Dad, I solemnly pledge to glorify God and build His Kingdom by prioritizing the raising of godly children, first in my family, then in the influencing of other men to do the same in theirs. I firmly believe that my transformed life in Christ – my life of integrity, pursuit of this vision, and the pursuit of godly character – will allow me to impact my children, family, and others towards this end.

I will practice a life of daily discipline and dependence on God through prayer and the study of God's Word for the wisdom in how to nurture my children in the admonition of the Lord. I will pursue this endeavor for a lifetime whether my children are in my home or not.

Finally, I believe that my end goal is not only for my children to walk in the Lord but this God-given vision would impact multiple generations to come, so help me God.

5. Do you believe you can become the person you want to be? Explain.

6. How can you start becoming that person now? What steps do you need to take?

Malachi Dads The Heart of a Father

Lesson II Questions

“Inmate Challenge”

Memory Verse

*And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children
and the hearts of children to their fathers.*

(Malachi 4:6a)

2 Chronicles 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.*

- **Do you feel like God wants to use you?**
- **Describe some of the main challenges you face in terms of being used by God in your current situation.**
- **What are some opportunities for God to use you in your current situation?**
- **Given your current situation, what do you fear most for your children? Why?**
- **What do you want most for your children? Why?**

John 1:12-13 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

- **Do you see yourself the way God sees you? Explain.**
- **What does it mean to be children of God, in your experience?**