



Father's Day 2023  
Psalm 78:1-8

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and special men in our lives. Like Mother's Day, Father's Day can be a difficult time for some men. However, chances are we've all had men in our lives who have positively influenced us—fathers, grandfathers, uncles, family friends, spiritual fathers, and more. And as we reflect on the importance of dads and men in our lives, we can begin to think about our influence on the next generation and the generation after that and more. So, what is our responsibility for the future generations. Mom or dad, woman or man, you have a responsibility!

- As you reflect on the panel and message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the panel or message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the panel or message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the panel or message?

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1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

3 things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

5 He established a testimony in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers  
to teach to their children,

6 that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children,

7 so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;

8 and that they should not be like their fathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

- Have you ever thought beyond yourself or beyond your next generation? If so, what thoughts have come to mind?
- The psalmist tells us to tell our children stories. Why are stories powerful tools to help us remember?
- What is the story of Scripture we should be passing to the future generations? What does this story teach us about ourselves? About God?
- The point of telling the stories of God's faithfulness is to encourage our faithfulness. Why are we prone to forget God and what he has done?

- How can we encourage faithfulness not just in what we say but how we live?
- As you think about your own personal life, how can you take responsibility for the spiritual formation of your future generations?