

Lessons  
Life from the  
of  
David

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**“In Search of a Father’s Acceptance”**

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Pastor Jody Mayes  
1 Samuel 16:6-12

*Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “ The Lord has not chosen these”. So he asked Jesse, **“Are these all the sons you have?”** “There is still the youngest”, Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep”. Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives”. 1 Sam. 16: 10-11 NIV*

**The Wound**

*“Every boy in his journey to become a man, takes an arrow in the center of his heart, in the place of his strength. Because the wound is rarely discussed and even more rarely healed, every man carries a wound and the wound is almost always given by his father”*

*John Eldridge, Wild at Heart*

**A Father’s Role** \_\_\_\_\_

*One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: **that you, O God, are strong and that you, O Lord, are loving.** Psalm 62:11-12*

**The Healing**

*“I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons & daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Cor. 6:18 NIV*

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**Additional Passages for Study**

Luke 15: 11-31

To Own a Dragon (reflections on growing up without a father)  
by Donald Miller, Wild at Heart by John Eldridge