

Father's Day 2015
Baptism day
VBS recognition service

A Father and the Faith
Matthew 7:13-14

-the end of your life is the great revealer of the value of your life - did you live a life that will last and will matter

Jesus said for what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.

a tale of two decisions, of two directions, and two destinations

His name is Andrew Tahmooressi. He is a US Marine Sargent. He served two terms in Afghanistan and sustained a concussion in an explosion while in combat. He became famous because one night after parking his car in an American parking lot and walking into a restaurant in Tijuana Mexico on the boarder, as he was leaving the parking lot he turned to go back in the direction of San Diego only to find out that he took the wrong turn and was on a ramp into Mexico where could not turn around.

He was recovering from PTSD in San Diego

He was stopped by the border guard and he immediately told them that he took a wrong turn out of the parking lot and that he also has three legally registered weapons in his car. He simply wanted to turn around and return. He was notified that he was no longer on US soil and that he was illegally possessing firearms in Mexico.

stayed 214 days in a Mexican prison -

finally released and returned to Florida

1. A Decision to Make

the decision is between the narrow gate and the wide gate

the one that can take the most people is not the right gate

Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life

A Father is a guardian

he is to be the primary influence in a child's faith

Deut. 6:6-7: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your

house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Psalm 78:5-8: “For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

Theodore Roosevelt said: No other success in life—not being President, or being wealthy, or going to college, or writing a book, or anything else—comes up to the success of the man or women who can feel that they have done their duty and that their children and grandchildren rise up and call them blessed. Theodore Roosevelt said: No other success in life—not being President, or being wealthy, or going to college, or writing a book, or anything else—comes up to the success of the man or women who can feel that they have done their duty and that their children and grandchildren rise up and call them blessed.

2. A Direction to Take

one way is narrow (restrictive, confining,

- paths are narrow because they are hard to create
- paths are narrow for security reasons
- paths are narrow because that is all that is needed

the narrow way is lonely where as the broad way is full of people

-the path, the people and the party

A Father is a guide

A father is responsible to lead a child through these experiences

- Salvation
- The change of life
- A move
- The crash of emotions that come with adolescents
- Self image and concept
- Their Identity
- Making or losing a friend
- Encountering a bully
- Failure - a bad grade
- First experience with death
- Rejection by friend, peers, girl

Young men who grow up in homes without fathers are twice as likely to

end up in jail as those who come from traditional two-parent families, according to a new study released Thursday. Cynthia Harper of the University of Pennsylvania and Sara S. McLanahan of Princeton University tracked a sample of 6,000 males aged 14-22 from 1979-93. They found that those boys whose fathers were absent from the household had double the odds of being incarcerated - even when other factors such as race, income, parent education and urban residence were held constant

3. A Destination that you can't Fake

your life will position you for your eternity

key is to go through the narrow goate and walk the narrow way

life
destruction

Matthew 7:21-23: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

A Father is a guarantor

assures a debt will be paid - someone who takes responsibility for the end result of a loan or a debt - a father take responsibility for the end result of their children - their eternal destiny