

From the Pastor

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James Dobson, in his book, “Bringing Up Boys”, states that “a father holds awesome power in the lives of his children, for good or ill.” Dr. Dobson goes on to state, “Boys are in trouble today primarily because their parents, and especially their dads, are distracted, overworked, harassed, exhausted, disinterested, chemically dependent, divorced, or simply unable to cope.”

We as parents and grandparents are raising the next generation of men and women who will one day lead our nation and world. They are the bridges to the future. We need men today who will be bridge builders, “to build lasting qualities of character, self-discipline, respect for authority, commitment to the truth, a belief in the work ethic, and an unshakable love for Jesus Christ.”

The Bridge Builder

A old man going down a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim, the sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side, and built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide, Why build you this bridge at eventide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head.
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said, “There followeth after me today, a youth whose feet must pass this way.
The chasm that was as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be; He, too, must cross in the twilight dim – Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”
-- Will Adden Dromgoole