
THE FATHER'S *Blessing & Wound*

June 20/21
with Scott Harrison

I. Why not the mother's blessing & wound?

A. A mother's blessing is thought to be _____.

II. Definitions

A. The blessing is measured by the degree that a child is shown
_____ love.

B. The wound is measured by the degree that a child is shown
_____ love.

III. Immediate Effects

A. The blessed child is given a _____ foundation to build a self-image.

B. The wounded child is given a _____ foundation to build a self-image.

IV. Long-term Effects

A. The blessed person finds it easier to appreciate healthy relationships of
_____.

B. The wounded person finds it easier to enter into unhealthy relationships of
_____.

V. Freedom-giving Truths

A. People's words about you are not necessarily _____.

B. Your _____ value comes from _____.

C. You may have been wounded in your past but now you may
_____ to be the _____.

D. Your perfect Heavenly Father _____ in healing wounds.

For Discussion

1. What was it like growing up: conditional love or unconditional love?
 2. How would you describe your self-image?
 3. Would you say you love because of Jesus' love or you love to get loved?
 4. **Dads:** We can be guilty of conditionally loving our children. Share with each other how you've done this (be sure to thank God for His forgiveness in Christ). What can we do today to change this pattern?
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Upcoming Events

Small Group Leader BBQ

Thursday, July 23 | 6 p.m.

Bring a side dish to share. Kids welcome; lots of room to play.

Location: Bruce & Deb Miller's, Waterloo.

Area Small Group Leader's Conference

Part I: Friday, August 21 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Part II: Friday, August 21 | 7-9:40 p.m & Saturday, August 22 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jim Egli discusses the challenges of starting, growing, & maintaining small groups that connect with God & strengthen followers of Jesus while maintaining an outward focus. Egli is Pastor of Small Groups at the Champaign Vineyard in Illinois & holds a PhD in Small Group Discipleship. He's authored 15 books on effective small group ministry. Part I, \$30 (includes lunch); part II, \$20; both, \$45. Enrollment begins in June.

Location: HVC Campus.