

Interfering Fathers - Rory Dyer

1 Kings 1:5-6 - ⁵ Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, "I will be king." So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him. ⁶ (His father had never interfered with him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

These verses describe the interaction between Adonijah and his father David. King David, who started out as an overlooked shepherd, became the hero of Israel and the greatest King of Israel. The man who wrote the 50% of the book of Psalms and was described as the man after God's own heart but here we see David as a terrible Father, which makes us ask the question:

What is worse than a father interfering in your life? A father who doesn't.

In this short story about Adonijah, we see how David **never interfered with him**. Due to David's never asking the question, why do you behave as you do, we see two consequences:

1. **He put himself, forward, saying I will be king** - He never learned to trust God's timing.
2. **He was good looking** - He never realised that everything he was given was a gift from God.

There is one thing worse than an interfering Father, it's one who doesn't.

3 ways God needs to interfere with us:

1. **Language** - God wants to interfere in our lives teaching us "**what to say and how to say it.**" John 12:49. Especially as Christian in South Africa at the moment we need our language to be full of faith as we learn to speak life into situations that look like dry bones around us.
2. **Brokenness** - No matter where we are in our lives and what is causing our brokenness and shame, God wants to interrupt and interfere in your walk of shame. Like the Father in Luke 15. He wants run to you, throws His arms around you, kiss you, place a robe on your back and a ring on your finger and restore you to a place of honour as a son/daughter in the family.
3. **Prayer** - Prayer is gentle, non invasive and remarkably violent. This is the tool that God is using to interfere in our lives and it is the tool God is calling us to use to interfere in the lives of those we love. "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name" is the gentle, non invasive and remarkably violent way of asking for God's interference in our lives.

There is one thing worse than an interfering Father, it's one who doesn't. No matter what your story is, or what your family of origin was like, we need to turn to our heavenly Father, allowing His interference to transform our futures.

Heb 12:10-11 - ¹⁰Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Thank God that we have a heavenly Father who is interfering in our lives for the sake of our future.

Where do we need to Praise God for His interference in our lives?

His timing, His gifts, His questions "why do you behave as you do?"

Where do we need our heavenly Father to interfere in our lives?

Language, Brokenness or Prayer

Where can we learn to be Godly interfering Fathers, interfering friends, interfering families?

Without becoming weird and for the sake of their futures.