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OK guys and girls: this is the fourth and final week of The Power of Dad. Let's talk today about leadership and dads who lead their families well. The Bible clearly calls men to lead families. Be honest: how do you feel about that? Why do you feel that way?

Do you agree that people tend to confuse "male leadership" with manipulation and control?

The dad in Jesus' famous "Prodigal Son" story really demonstrates what biblical leadership is supposed to look like. Let's take a closer look at the end of that story:

Luke 15:25-32 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

The dad in this story teaches us three things about biblical leadership:

1. Leaders, including great dads, are never _____, but they're always _____.

Genesis 3:6 "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

What was Adam's first sin and why?



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What's the real meaning of "spare the rod, spoil the child," and what does it say about assertive leadership?

2. Biblical leadership is _____, not _____.
"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." - Ephesians 5:25

What do you think bottom-up leadership looks like in real-world family life? What's the relationship between submission and leadership?

3. Leading a family is not just _____-making;
it's _____-making

How do leaders create culture?

What was the *culture* of your family like when you were growing up? What did that have to do with your dad (or the absence of your dad)?

What's the culture in your home like today, and why?

"Blessed are the children of righteous men who walk with integrity."
Proverbs 20:7