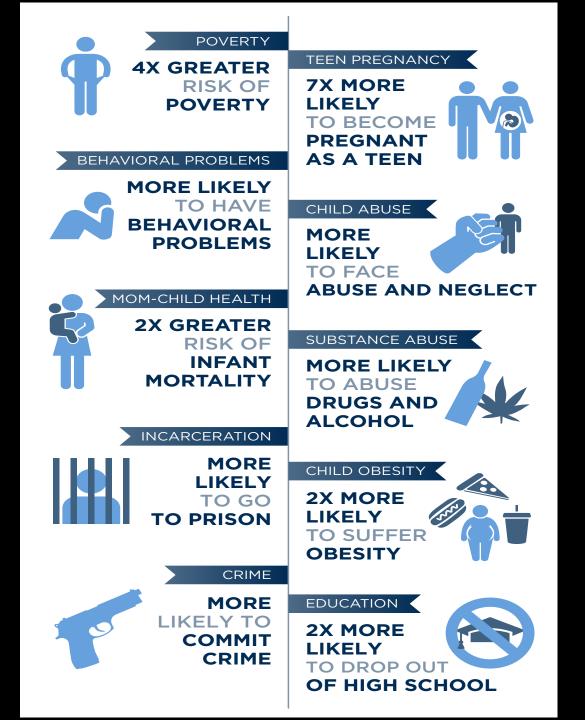




### THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 18.3 million children, 1 in 4, live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home. Consequently, there is a "father factor" in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today. Research shows when a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is affected in the following ways...

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2020). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.



# Godly Fathers are active leaders, not just merely present!

#### Discipline and Structure

- Proverbs 22:6
- Training, not discouragement:
  - Colossians 3:21
  - Ephesians 6:4
- Discipline, not abuse:
  - Proverbs 10:13
  - Proverbs 13:24
  - Proverbs 19:18
  - Proverbs 29:17

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#### Protection

- 1 Peter 5:8
- Deuteronomy 4:9

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- Nourishment
  - Genesis 2:24
  - Psalms 78:4
  - Deuteronomy 6:4 9
  - Ephesians 6:4

- Discipline and Structure
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- Nourishment

#### Direction

- Genesis 18:17 19
- 1 Timothy 3:4 5
- Titus 1:6

- Discipline and Structure
- Protection
- Nourishment
- Direction
- Forgiveness
  - Luke 15:20 24
  - Matthew 6:14 15
  - Revelation 21:7

# In Christ, we are made children of God, the Father!

2 Samuel 7:13 – 16; 2 Corinthians 6:16 – 18

## Are you a child of God?