

## Built for More Session 1 - Jeff Foxworthy **Total Time:** 1:30 (90 minutes)

**Video Length:** 40 minutes

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6:30 (10 min) — Fellowship & Welcome & Icebreaker

6:40 (40 min) — Watch Video Session

7:20 (10 min) — Large Group Discussion

### **Questions:**

#### **The Father Heart of God**

- Jeff said the Prodigal Son story is really about the *father*, not the son. What stood out to you most about the father's response when the son came home?

#### **Identity**

- Jeff made the distinction between *what he does* and *who he is*. He said, "If your job is your identity, you're making a mistake." How much of your own identity is tied up in what you do for a living?

#### **Wayne's Story**

- Wayne found his mother's Bible — with her handwritten love letter inside — 100 miles from where he lost it, a year and a half later. He said, "If God was going to chase me that hard, I was going to quit running." Is there an area of your life where you've been running from God?

7:30 (25 min) — Small Group Discussion

**Questions:** See small group questions on back

7:55 (5 min) — Closing

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## Small Group Discussion Questions

### 1. The Father Heart of God

*Luke 15:11-24 | Romans 8:15-16 | Psalm 68:5*

- Jeff said that as a boy without a father, he clung to the Prodigal Son story because he wanted "a dad that didn't love me any less when I did bad and didn't love me anymore when I performed well." Read Luke 15:20. What does the father *running* toward his son tell us about how God sees us?
- Romans 8:15-16 says we have received a spirit of adoption by which we cry out "Abba, Father." What does it mean practically to relate to God as Father rather than just as God or Creator?
- Psalm 68:5 calls God "a father to the fatherless." Whether your earthly father was present or absent, in what ways have you experienced — or struggled to experience — God filling that role?

### 2. Identity — Who You Are vs. What You Do

*Ephesians 2:10 | Galatians 2:20 | 1 John 3:1*

- Jeff said, "What I do and who I am are different things." He defined himself as "a child of God, a husband, a father, a brother, a son, a person of this community." How would *you* finish the sentence: "Who I am is...?"
- Ephesians 2:10 says we are God's "workmanship" — his masterpiece — created for good works he prepared in advance. How does that truth challenge the way the world tells men to find their value?
- If your job disappeared tomorrow, what would be left of your identity? What does that reveal about where you're anchoring your sense of worth?

### 3. Being a Husband

*Ephesians 5:25-28 | 1 Peter 3:7 | Proverbs 31:28-29*

- Jeff shared several practical habits — buying flowers weekly, making coffee every morning, never letting his wife go to bed without a compliment. What is one small, consistent thing you could do to better serve and honor your wife?
- Jeff said, "Unexpressed gratitude feels like ingratitude." Read 1 Peter 3:7, which calls husbands to live with their wives "in an understanding way." What is one area where you could grow in understanding and appreciation toward your wife?
- Ephesians 5:25 calls husbands to love their wives "as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Jeff said that's the model — treating your wife the way Jesus loves the church. What would it look like in your marriage this week to be more sacrificial and less self-centered?

### 4. Being a Dad

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 | Proverbs 22:6 | 3 John 1:4*

- Jeff shared that he turned his car around and went back to school to apologize to his daughter on her own turf. He said, "That made me a safe place." What does it look like to be a safe place for your kids, and how does that build trust over time?
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 instructs fathers to talk about God's word "when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up." What are some everyday moments you could use to put God's word in your kids' hearts?
- Jeff said 3 John 1:4 — "I have no greater joy than to know that my children walk in truth" — is on a plaque by his front door. What are you intentionally doing to pass your faith on to the next generation?

### 5. Courage in Community

*Matthew 5:13-16 | Joshua 1:9 | Proverbs 27:17*

- Jeff said, "I will not be silent anymore." As Christian men, where do you find it hardest to speak truth or live out your faith publicly? What holds you back?
- Proverbs 27:17 says "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." How is being in a group like this one part of God's plan for helping men stand firm?
- Jeff closed his prayer saying, "You change the world by changing your block. Change your house. Change your block. Change your street." What is one specific, courageous step you can take this week to lead in your home or community?