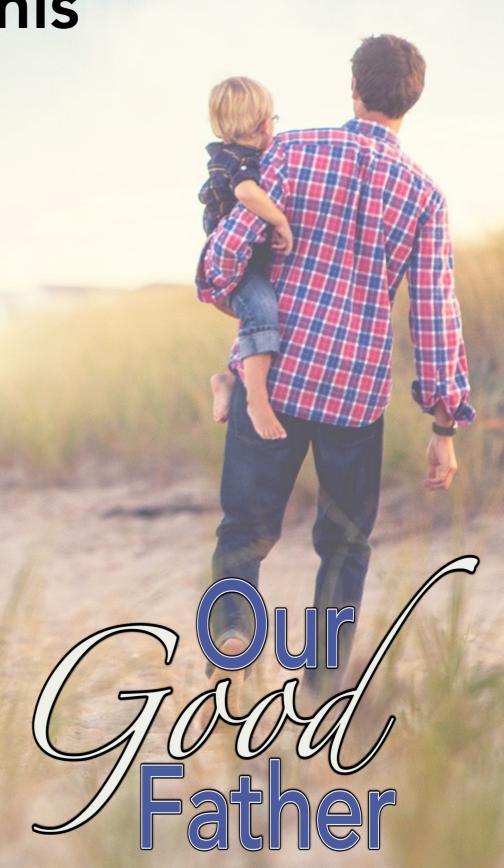
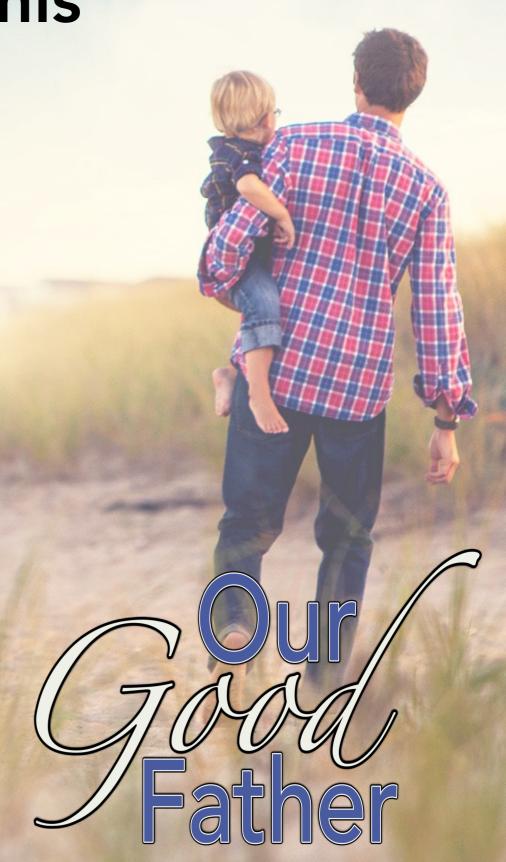
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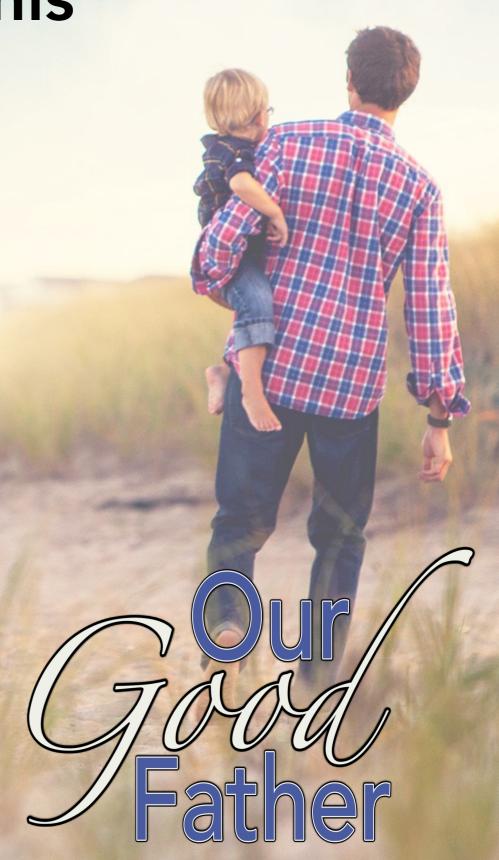
If both father and mother attend regularly, 33% of their children will end up as regular churchgoers, and 41% will end up attending irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all.



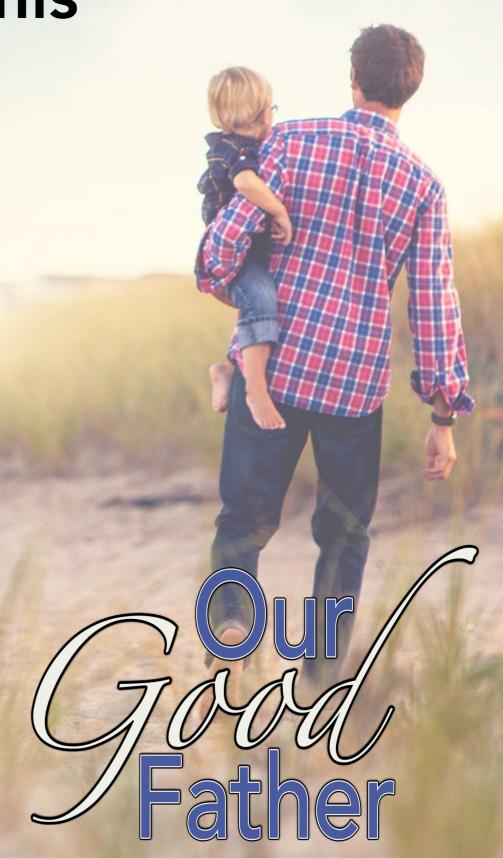
If the father is irregular and mother regular, only 3% of the children will subsequently become regulars themselves, while a further 59% will become irregulars. Thirty-eight% will be lost.



If the father is nonpracticing and mother regular, only 2% of children will become regular worshippers, and 37% will attend irregularly. Over 60% of their children will be lost completely to the church!



What happens if the father is regular but the mother irregular or non-practicing? Amazingly, the percentage of children becoming regular goes up from 33% to 38% with the irregular mother and up to 44 % with the non-practicing. This suggests that loyalty to the father's commitment grows in response to the mother's laxity or indifference to religion.



There are many examples of poor fathering in the Scriptures.

Isaac and Jacob practiced favoritism among their sons.

Eli, Samuel, & David failed to discipline their sons.

Manassah & Ahaz delivered their children over to demons.

Solomon taught well but seems to have failed in setting the proper example for his sons.

We must look to our heavenly Father for the good and proper example of how we should father.

Our heavenly Father is impartial.

Our heavenly Father disciplines us.

Our heavenly Father protects us.

Our heavenly Father not only teaches us, but He also sets the proper example.