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**Recommended Reading**

*Boyhood and Beyond* by Bob Schultz

*Bringing up Boys* by James Dobson

*Created for Work* by Bob Schultz

*For Guys Only: The Marks of Manhood, Dr. R. Albert Mohler*

<http://www.boundless.org/2005/articles/a0001093.cfm>

*Hold Fast in a Broken World* byDouglas Bond

*The Masculine Mandate* by Richard Phillips

*Stand Fast in the Way of Truth* byDouglas Bond

**Course outline:**

Week 1 – God’s Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family to the Church & the World

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can’t Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

**Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood**

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – The Teen Years

Week 11 – Panel Discussion

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Week 13 – The Gospel and the Overzealous Parent

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## Parenthood

**Week 8**

**Gender in the Home:**

**Boys and Fatherhood**

**Introduction**

* + **Does the sex of our children, or our sex as parents, make any difference in the substance of our parenting?**
  + **Not focusing on description, but prescription**
* **God’s big picture on gender**
  + **God intends to display His image differently through men and women, who are created equally in that image.**
  + **Men and women are not interchangeable. Instead, the biblical idea is that they complement one another.**
  + **Complementarity is shown in headship and submission, but it is also fleshed out in men’s and women’s roles.**
* **What is biblical manhood, and how do we teach it?**

**At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships.**

* + **“mature masculinity”**
    - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
  + **“a sense”**
    - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
  + **“benevolent responsibility”**
    - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
  + **“to lead”**

**Leadership involves service and sacrifice.**

**Leadership does not presume superiority, but cultivates and mobilizes the strengths of others.**

**Leadership does not have to initiate every action, but feels the responsibility to provide a general pattern of initiative.**

* + - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
  + **“to provide”**
    - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
  + **“to protect”**
    - **Sons**
    - **Fathers**
* **Putting it into practice**
  + **Embody manhood.**
  + **Instruct on manhood.**
  + **Rehearse manhood.**
  + **Inspire manhood.**