

**Father's Day 2016**  
**1 Samuel 1:1-11**  
**June 19, 2016**

**Elkanah's story, though not as detailed as Hannah's, highlights two powerful lessons that fathers of every generation can benefit from:**

1. a godly father must \_\_\_\_\_ their wives!

“Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it”  
(Ephesians 5:25 NCV).

Of course, there are numerous ways to show your wife that you love her, but in my opinion we can chisel it down to two—\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her” (1 Samuel 1:5 NIV).

During the meal, Elkanah asks, “Why aren't you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn't that better than having ten sons?”  
(1 Samuel 1:8 NLT).

In fact, Robert J Morgan identified five types of conversation that make up the fabric of our relationships: \_\_\_\_\_ talk, \_\_\_\_\_ talk, \_\_\_\_\_-talk, \_\_\_\_\_ talk, and \_\_\_\_\_ talk.

2. Godly fathers also love to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of Heaven's Armies at the Tabernacle” (1 Samuel 1:3 NLT).

“The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the Lord once more. Then they returned home to Ramah” (1 Samuel 1:19 NLT).

Statistics tell us that in families where mom is a regular church-goer but dad isn't only \_\_\_\_\_% of the kids will attend church even sporadically when they grow up.

On the other hand, in households where dad attends church regularly, \_\_\_\_\_% of the kids will still attend church when they grow up.

And in families where dad attends church but mom doesn't, it actually goes up to \_\_\_\_\_% because your children see how important God is to you.