

## Visit Two: The Journey of Fatherhood Summary Points

- The home environment profoundly affects the learning patterns of impressionable toddlers.
- Pretoddlers can only *mimic* what they see and hear. Toddlers *imitate* the impressions and characteristics of any persuasive influence in his or her life.
- A husband can support his wife through his willingness to be an active participant in all aspects of the child life.
- If a father loses the civility of his words, he gains an unpleasant reputation impacting his wife and children.
- Fathers must learn to speak and correct their children with words of life and not words death. This can be done by elevating words connected to virtue rather than words associated with vice and wrong doing.
- In marriage, using the phrase “*Honey, please give me understanding*” promotes less judgment and more life, because seeking understanding stops wrong judgments from controlling the moment.
- Fathers must guard their tongue and their tone and learn to measure their response by the excitement on their child’s face.
- Devotional times with a toddler, transcends knowledge because speaking words of adoration about God, touches the spirit of the child in ways parents can never understand.
- When a father listens with all his senses it makes a world of difference to a child. This is because the smallest moment with Dad can have the biggest impact. What moment will you share today?