

minimize, reduce, diminish, and negate father's impact on children. Satan and the world system opposes God and Godly fathers, but their opposition doesn't amount to anything concerning God's will for fatherhood and fathers' relationships with their sons and daughters.

When fathers say things that build up their children, the children feel special, important, validated, and loved. Fathers breathe life into their children when they say good things to them. Genuine words spoken at the right moments go right to the heart and soul of a child and remain there. Good words from a father stick with a child a very long time. Let's look at several examples of life giving words. The following statements depict a variety of ways fathers speak words of life to their children.

1. "You know Jake, I really enjoyed our time together today, we had a lot of fun." "You mean so much to me, I love you."
2. "Jane, what a wonderful smile you have, you are so special to me." "Let's go get some ice cream."
3. "Howard, you really have that car of yours looking good." "I like the way you take care of your car." "You have an amazing attention for details." "I wonder what God has in store for you later on in your life."
4. "Sandra, I watched you do your cheerleading moves the other day, wow!" "You really amaze me!" "You have them down perfectly." "Great!"
5. "Michael, I just know God heard that prayer." "You have a big heart, son." Your friend Joey has a real