

Everything about this book says: read me! Dads are torn by time demands, wracked by guilt and confused by the thousand and one messages they hear. Fathers need help. This book will provide it. As a longtime friend and coworker of David Drury, I can vouch for his faith and preparation. His words will encourage men to embrace the highest call of their lives . . . fatherhood.

—MAX LUCADO, pastor and best-selling author

From the first word in the introduction to the last page is like getting on a fast moving train of hope, ideas, and laughter, wrapped in honesty and transparency. I work with David and see the spirit of the words lived out daily. Finally, a book about being a dad while one is in the process of being one! *The* book for all generations.

—JO ANNE LYON, General Superintendent,
The Wesleyan Church

An old publishing dictum says that men don't buy books. Tumble that dictum with *Being Dad*, now my first port of call into the father-son relationship. David Drury has written a masterpiece of tact and tenacity, a probing of parental interplay that offers exquisite flashes of insight and inspiration into the "my father" and "Our Father" relationships.

—LEONARD SWEET, best-selling author,
professor (Drew University, George Fox University),
and chief contributor to sermons.com

Being Dad is solid teaching—not just about being a dad, but a family. As the busy father of two adult children, the message of making time for, having fun with, and being intentionally supportive of your children is one I can never hear too often. David Drury’s book makes me wish I had another arm so I could give it three thumbs up.

—MATTHEW SLEETH, MD, author of
24/6: Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life

In *Being Dad*, David Drury has given us wonderfully illustrated, practical insights that every father at every season of life can apply. The highest calling and greatest gift any of us could give our families is being this kind of dad.

—STEVE MOORE, president, Missio Nexus, author of *Who Is My Neighbor? Being a Good Samaritan in a Connected World*

I love this book! David Drury has painted a compelling picture of what it’s like to be a good dad, using engaging stories and experience-tested principles. The fact that it’s based on the real life of David and his dad makes it even more powerful. No dad is perfect, but we can all be a little better. This quick read will encourage you to be the best dad you can be!

—DAN REILAND, executive pastor, 12Stone Church,
Lawrenceville, Georgia; author of *Amplified Leadership*

One of the biggest issues our country faces today is fatherhood. David Drury has written a timely book on the art of being an “intentional” dad. I think dads of all backgrounds will find the wisdom presented here to be a great resource.

—ALVIN SANDERS, EFCA associate executive director;
author of *Bridging the Diversity Gap*

Parents, pundits, and politicians have all said we are experiencing a fatherhood deficit. David’s personal and intimate reflections of the power of his father’s intentional and loving investment gives me hope. As a man who experienced a similar relationship with his own father, I know this type of relationship is life-forming. As a pastor and father of two boys, I know *Being Dad* is not just a book, but a calling.

—GABRIEL SALGUERO, pastor, The Lamb’s Church of The Nazarene, New York City; president, The National Latino Evangelical Coalition

In *Being Dad*, David Drury challenges himself and all dads of his generation to be the kind of dad God calls each to be. Using humorous and serious anecdotes, he captures some of the pivotal moments in his life when his own dad used his “dad role” to disciple David to become the man of God and dad he is today. As a longtime friend of David’s dad, I can promise you the absolute authenticity of the relationship that he writes about with candor and creativity. I believe God will use this book to help guide the dads of this and future generations.

—TOM ARMIGER, CEO, World Hope International

Filled with beautifully written stories about his own dad putting in the love and effort it takes to be a good father, David Drury's *Being Dad* is a lovely encouragement to all dads to celebrate their children's successes and actively help them to learn from their mistakes. *Being Dad* is one of the most well-written, sincere, inspiring, and practical books I have ever had the honor to endorse. I would highly recommend this book to any father, grandfather, or dad-to-be!

—NANCY SLEETH, author of *Almost Amish: One Woman's Quest for a Slower, Simpler, More Sustainable Life*

Read this book. You won't be sorry. Then get ten copies and give them away to people you want to bless. Three reasons you should do this. First, you won't be able to put it down. Second, you won't find more down-to-earth, engaging examples of godly fatherhood principles than the ones David gives you here. Third, a strange thing will happen by the time you get about half-way through the book. A sense of the nobility of fatherhood will begin to slip into the corners of your heart unbidden and almost unnoticed. David doesn't really tell you that's what he aims to do in this book, but that's what he does. In a world that seems to know less and less about the true and simple goodness of being a real father, this little book will restore your faith. Read the book. It's that good.

—DAVID WRIGHT, president, Indiana Wesleyan University

I always pick up a book on fathering with a bit of trepidation . . . like many dads, wishing I'd done something more or different. David neither pulls punches nor takes cheap shots, but offers a hope-filled call to intentionality in "being dad."

—WAYNE SCHMIDT, vice president, Wesley Seminary, Marion, Indiana; author of *Ministry Velocity* and *Power Plays*

In this simply succinct yet sagacious book, David encourages a creative but critical balance between the responsible father who disciplines and disciplines and the responsive dad who listens and laughs. Both are love, and both require presence. As David reflects on these issues, he invites men to consider how they can be better dads on purpose, together, according to God's desire. Men get one chance to be a father-dad, to teach character before career, by living it out with their children. If they do, they will not only be better men, father-dads who one day become friends with their kids, they will leave a "heritage of those who fear [God's] name" (Ps. 61:5). *Being Dad* is an essential contribution toward that glorious end.

—CHRIS SEIPLE, president, The Institute for Global Engagement

David Drury shares his experiences and wisdom on a topic that is so desperately needed today. *Being Dad* reflects his solid upbringing, the heart of a spiritual leader and a cool dad. This book will help individuals to grow in the declining art of fatherhood.

—CARLOS L. MALAVÉ, executive director,
Christian Churches Together

A father-son relationship stands at the heart of Christianity and humanity. In this engaging book, David Drury explores this relationship first from a son's perspective and then from a father's view. Examining what a good dad does, Drury then illustrates the lessons behind such actions. Entertaining, witty, and thought-provoking, this fast-paced book will expand your horizons about what dads do and what being a dad means.

—BOB WHITESEL, author of *The Healthy Church*; professor of missional leadership, Wesley Seminary, Marion, Indiana

What an inspiring, life-changing resource! In a time of confusion and fear about fatherhood, David Drury hit a homerun! In *Being Dad*, you will find a refreshing, practical, and non-threatening book about fatherhood from the perspective of a son with an intentional dad. You will laugh, reflect, and be shaken to be a better man at home with those who call you “dad.”

—IRVING A. FIGUEROA, lead pastor, Iglesia Wesleyana de Guaynabo; adjunct professor of leadership at Wesley Seminary, Marion, Indiana

David Drury is full of insight. Over the years, I've enjoyed interacting with him, musing with him, laughing with him, and reading his work. I have been a fan of his dad, for even longer. I consider him a long-distance mentor not only in leadership, but also in fatherhood. I can hardly wait to devour this book.

—TIM ELMORE, president, GrowingLeaders.com

David and his brother, John, were small boys when their father and I regularly met as accountability partners. I saw firsthand his extraordinary creativity and intentionality as a father. In addition to all the ways he loved and trained his sons, he gave his boys another priceless life gift—the example of a passionate husband, who daily loved, honored, cherished, and partnered with the bride of his youth. You’re about to be blessed by a baton-passing book straight from the epicenter of a rare home where this father and husband did things right. Countless lives around the world have been inspired, equipped, and launched by his unusual influence as a teacher, leader, discipler, author, and mentor; but this book is about his greatest intentional legacy: as a world-class “dad”! Thank you, David, for generously and eloquently sharing your priceless dad-sightings and insights with us all.

—DWIGHT ROBERTSON, founding president and
CEO, Kingdom Building Ministries

In his easy style, David moves us through stories of his dad and lessons David has learned on parenting. The importance here is on dads being present, which is the most important characteristic that all of us can model in parenting. Just being present in the lives of our children speaks volumes. We like David’s style and would encourage every dad to read this book and to be present, active, and involved in the lives of their children.

—JIM AND JEROLYN BOGEAR, authors, *Faith Legacy: Six Values to Shape Your Child’s Journey* and *Faith Legacy for Couples: Seven Values to Shape Your Marriage*