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Reading Response

My father was a strong and reliant man. My father endured many hardships and so much adversity throughout his life. While growing up, I learned the importance of being a strong patriarch. Being the leader in the family, the person who everyone turns to for direction and support. Throughout his life, my father taught me so many lessons that have molded me into the man of God that I am today, and for this, I am forever grateful.

My father was born in poverty in Haiti; from a young age, he was taught the importance of being resilient and passed this on to me from a very young age. Watching my father work hard to find keep shelter over my and my other 7 siblings' heads was impactful. My father was a jack of all trades; working with his hands in carpentry, construction, and architecture. He would take multiple jobs to ensure that we had a safe home, and food on the table and we attended school consistently. My father would rather not eat just to make sure that we had enough money to go to school and eat each night. My father showed me the importance of being a dependable and reliable leader. We all depended on my father for everything and he always found a way to deliver. This was the perfect example for me in my marriage and when I have my family.

My father was a man that was a man of great faith. He made sure to instill in us the fear of the Lord. He introduced us to the God of the Holy Bible, the creator of the universe and for this I am grateful. My father ensured we gathered together as a family

every night and worshiped and prayed together. He would choose one of the eight of us to lead the worship moment and another to present a short meditation. Afterward, we would pray together. He would then select us individually to pray out loud so that everyone could hear. This helped us learn bible verses and get stronger in our faith; to this very day there are bible verses that I remember and it is because of my father.

My father taught me what it meant to be a man and the heart of a family. The lessons on the importance of family, faith, and education are things that I have already started implementing in my marriage and I look forward to implementing them when I have a family in the near future, God willing.