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Unlocking the Power of Fatherhood By Gary D. Rogers

DEFINING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF AUTHENTIC MASCULINITY IN TODAY'S WORLD

It's not uncommon these days to hear the terms "fatherless generation," "toxic masculinity," and "boys will be boys." Many are trying to redefine manhood and discredit masculinity in a misguided attempt to resolve our problems. As a young man, Gary D. Rogers took time off from college to live in the inner city of Brooklyn, NY where he came face to face with the ravages of poverty and the crime, drugs, and violence that poverty begets. He saw first-hand how the poor schools entrap children in a system from which they have little chance of escaping. He learned of the state-run welfare system that systematically drove the men out of the home leaving the mother alone to raise her children in these crime-ridden neighborhoods. It was here that he began to understand that the problems we face will not be fixed by government, but that the answers must come from among us.

In his upcoming book, *Unlocking the Power of Fatherhood* (Palmetto Publishing, Inc. September 10, 2019), Gary shares his own rich life experiences and the lessons he has learned along the way, which have all blended to forge a unique mission: to inspire authenticity in men, to equip them with workable life skills and perspectives, and to empower a healthy culture of fatherhood in our country. A blueprint for embracing the positive essence of fatherhood, it is a powerful guide for men to achieve a successful life by confronting the unfairness of society, recognizing the lessons of failure, and discovering the value in life's difficulties. Resonating on a multitude of levels, *Unlocking the Power of Fatherhood* explores:

- Exercising the Power of Choice is what empowers us to reign supreme over our circumstances.
- It is in the hard times of life where we are transformed and become the people we need to be to accomplish the purpose for which we were created. We are all created with great purpose.
- Every person is valuable with an essential contribution to offer mankind and the responsibility to reach out with the best of our qualities to aid our fellow travelers along the road of life.

• The concepts of Character, Integrity, Morality, and Competency underpin the culture of honor that we so desperately need.

"It is my greatest hope that all people live life to its fullest and accomplish all that was meant for them to achieve," Rogers says. "I have lived a lot of life. I was blessed to have an incredible father who overcame Polio and learned to walk even though his right leg was totally paralyzed. Through him I observed that overcoming great difficulty is a binary choice to either live victorious over your circumstance or succumb to circumstance and live the life of a victim. There is a higher purpose for each of us, which naturally emerges from drawing on the best qualities we as human beings possess. Failure and hardship are transformative events that are essential to the process of discovering our destiny. This book is a call for all men to seek the full stature of authentic manhood, to take on the role of true fathers, and to positively impact the world around them."

About the Author:

Gary Rogers was born and grew to adulthood on the Texas Gulf Coast. He was blessed to be raised by an extraordinary Father and loving Mother – and he thought it was normal. However, he would eventually learn that far too many were deprived of the childhood they deserve. He would become convicted that he had the responsibility to share what he had been given with those who were denied a relationship with a healthy Father. It is that thought that was the genesis of his writing and speaking career.

As a young man he went to live in the inner city of Brooklyn NY, he came face to face with the ravages of poverty and the crime, drugs, and violence that poverty begets. He saw first-hand how the poor schools entrapped children in a system from which they had little chance of escaping. He learned of the state-run welfare system that systematically drove the men out of the home leaving the mother alone to raise her children in these crime-ridden neighborhoods. It was here that he began to understand that the problems we face will not be fixed by government, that the answers must come from among us – The People.

He has been blessed with a wonderful family, a loving wife of 45 years, three great children and one rather precocious grandson. He feels fortunate to have been raised in the greatest country the world has ever seen. He has a passion to protect and preserve our culture so that future generations will enjoy the freedoms that he enjoyed. His passions are the love of his family and the love of his country. He believes that America is great because her people are great. His hope is that each of us will live life to its fullest and attain to a full measure of our purpose.

In his writings and speaking, he reveals how modern men can become valued, respected, and authentically masculine - and how society will benefit when they do. The blessing of family, the experiences of life, and the hard times he has walked through have all blended to forge a unique perspective which he shares with his readers. He has a passion to inspire men to be men, equip women and men with workable life skills, and to empower a healthy culture of fatherhood.

To connect with the author, please visit his website www.RethinkingFatherhood.com.

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