



# God's plan for Men, Fathers & Family

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## Prevalence of Fatherlessness in the UK

1 in 3 children (nearly 4 million) live without their father, according to the Office for National Statistics.

In cities like London, Liverpool, and Birmingham, (over 50% of children) grow up in fatherless households .

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## Link to Youth Crime and Prisons

- 70% of young offenders in the UK come from lone-parent families, predominantly fatherless homes .
- 76% of incarcerated young men\*\* in England and Wales had absent fathers, highlighting a strong correlation between fatherlessness and criminal behaviour .
- Fatherless children are 20 times more likely to develop behavioral problems and 10 times more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol, increasing their risk of criminal exploitation .
- The cost of youth offending linked to family breakdown is estimated at £13 billion annually.

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- Children from fatherless homes are 9 times more likely to drop out of high school.
- Fatherless children are 33% less likely to achieve higher educational qualifications and are more frequently excluded from school .
- 85% of children with behavioural disorders in schools come from fatherless homes, often linked to emotional instability and poor academic performance .
- A study found that children with involved fathers are 43% more likely to earn top grades and demonstrate better social skills.

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In the beginning...

{Genesis 1:27-28 ESV}

[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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## {Genesis 2:20-24 ESV}

[20] The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there **was not found a helper** fit for him.

[21] So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22] And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23] Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." [24] Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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{Genesis 12:1-3 ESV}

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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{Genesis 17:1-7 ESV}

[1] When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, [2] that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." [3] Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, [4] "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. [5] No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. [6] I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. [7] And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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## {Genesis 17:15-16 ESV}

[15] And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16] I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and **she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.**"

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## {Genesis 17:17-22 ESV}

[17] Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" [18] And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" [19] God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. [20] As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. [21] But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." [22] When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

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{Genesis 22:1-2 ESV}

[1] After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

[2] He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

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{Genesis 22:15-18 ESV}

[15] And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven [16] and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, [17] I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, [18] and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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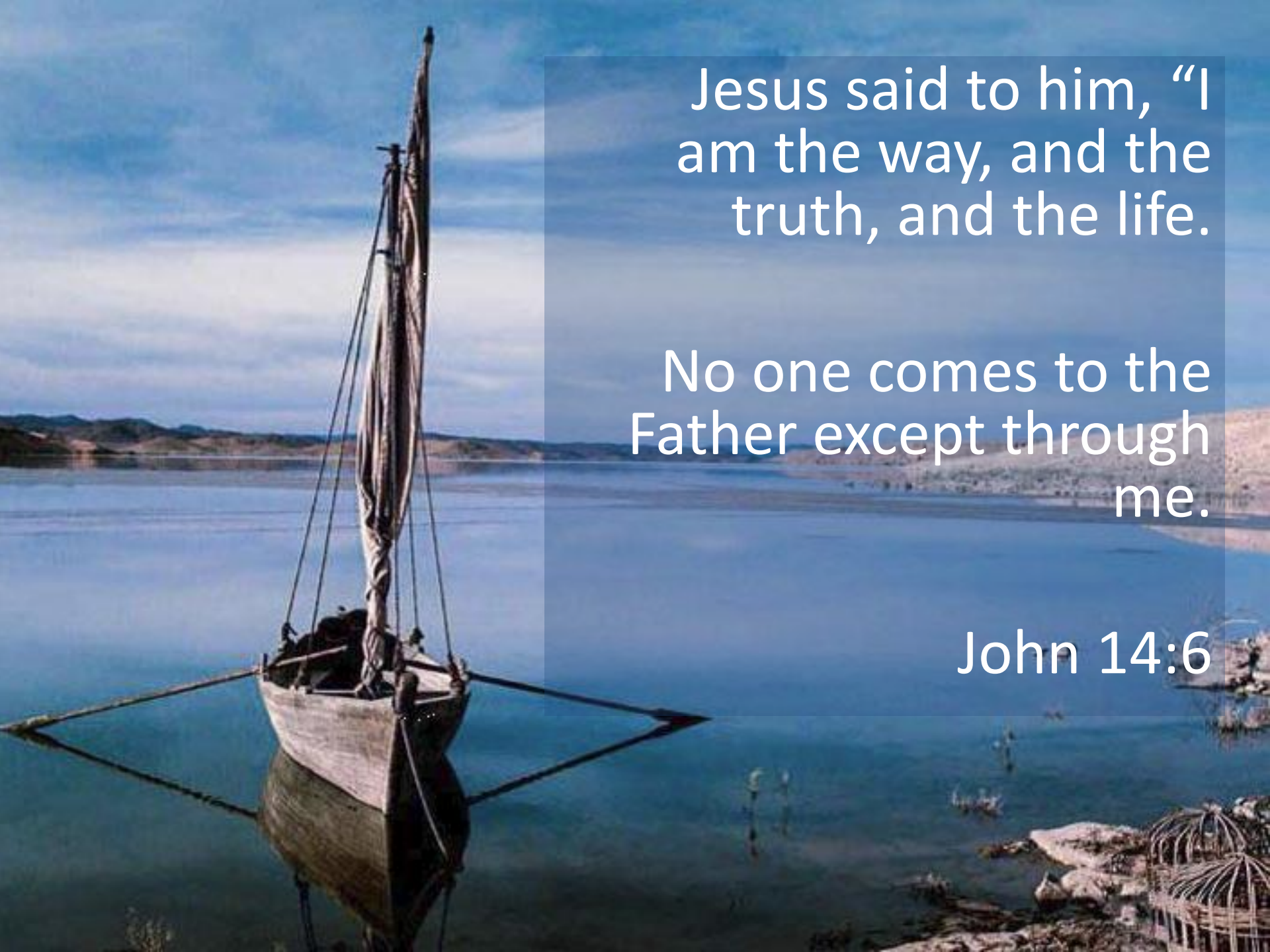


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A photograph of a wooden boat on a lake. The boat is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its reflection clearly visible in the calm water. The background shows a vast, blue lake extending to a distant, hazy shoreline under a blue sky with light clouds. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

Jesus said to him, “I  
am the way, and the  
truth, and the life.

No one comes to the  
Father except through  
me.

John 14:6