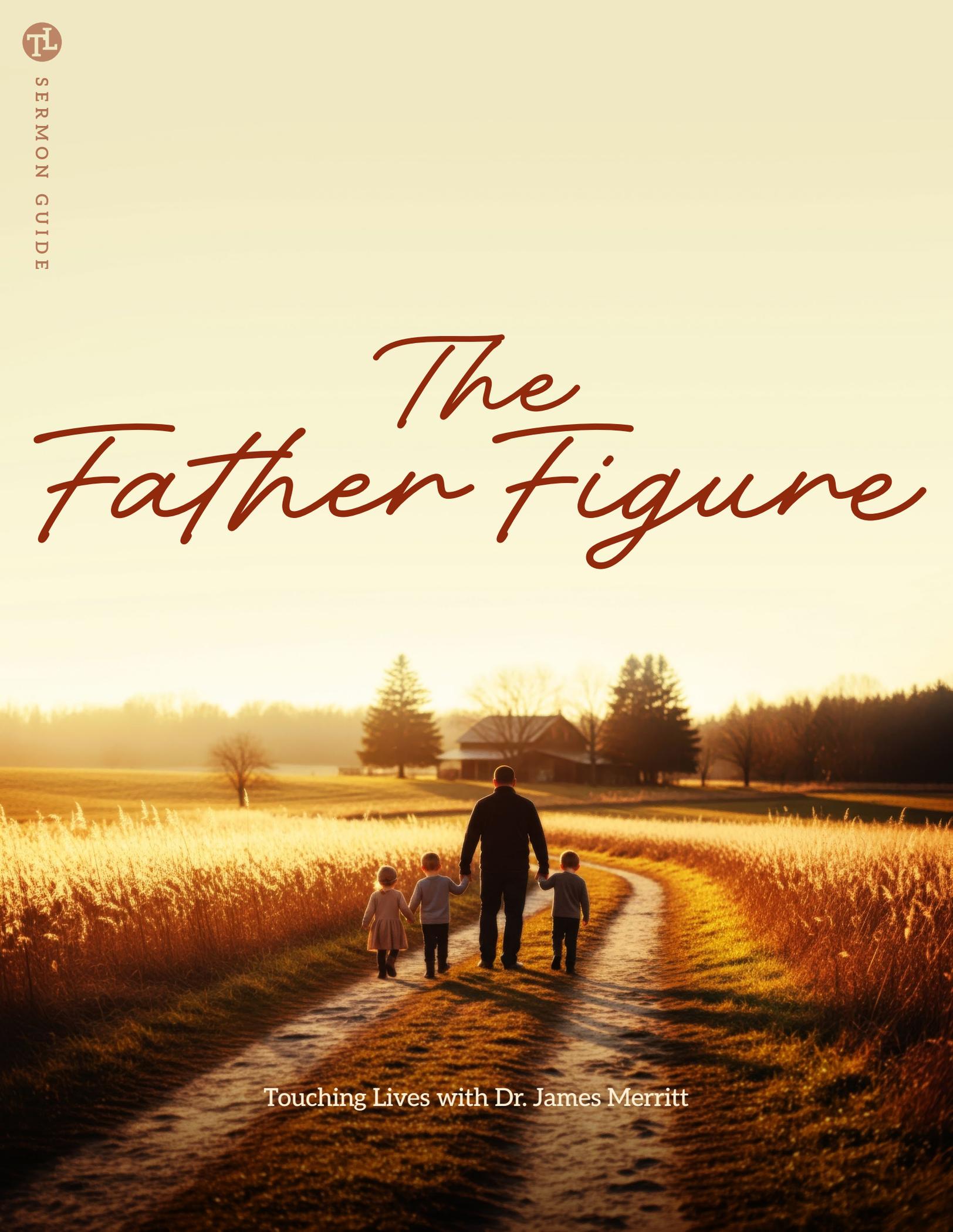




SERMON GUIDE

The Father Figure

A man and three children are walking away from the camera on a dirt path that winds through a field of tall, golden grass. The scene is set at sunset, with a warm, golden light illuminating the landscape. In the background, there is a large, dark barn and a line of trees. The man is in the center, holding the hands of three children (two boys and one girl) who are walking in front of him.

Touching Lives with Dr. James Merritt

Trust and Obey

The Father Figure | Week 10 | Genesis 12:1-4

Reflection Questions

1. What comfortable place, relationship, or security (your “Ur”) are you clinging to instead of trusting God’s “I will show you”?

2. Where in your life are you acting like the impala, refusing to jump because you can’t see exactly where you’ll land?

3. If you really believed God’s “I will” promises, what specific step of obedience would you take this week that you’ve been putting off?

Don't Forget God

The Father Figure | Week 11 | Genesis 12:5–20

Reflection Questions

1. Where in your life are you operating at 98% obedience instead of 100%? What partial compromise feels easier than complete trust?

2. What specific trial right now is testing whether you'll trust God's provision or take matters into your own hands?

3. Think about the last time you "went down to Egypt" (compromised with the world) instead of staying where God put you. What did that decision cost you, and how might remembering God have changed everything?

Choose Wisely

The Father Figure | Week 12 | Genesis 13:1-18

Reflection Questions

1. What problem in your life right now is demanding a decision, and are you prioritizing relationship over riches like Abraham, or are you looking toward “Sodom” like Lot?

2. When was the last time you put yourself second in a conflict or decision? How did God put you first as a result?

3. Think about the two people crucified on either side of Jesus—both criminals, but one went to Heaven because of one final right decision. What one decision do you need to make today that could redeem all your wrong decisions?

Braveheart

The Father Figure | Week 13 | Genesis 14

Reflection Questions

1. Who in your life is taken captive by the world’s philosophies and priorities, and do you have enough burden for them to actually do something about it?

2. What battle is God calling you to engage in right now, even though you don’t have the training, resources, or odds in your favor?

3. When success comes your way, which king do you meet first—Melchizedek (giving God the glory) or the king of Sodom (taking credit for yourself)? How do your tithing and gratitude reveal which kingdom you really serve?
