

Fight Club 1 :: It's Worth the Fight :: Holly Delich

INTRODUCTION

Her story is all too common. At the age of two, Holly's father had an affair, moved away, and remarried. Years of missed child support, infrequent calls, and forgotten birthdays only added to the distance and separation. To add insult to injury, he came within minutes of completely missing her wedding, nearly ruining the day she'd dreamt about her whole life. Holly was tempted to throw in the towel on her relationship with her dad; instead, she chose to pick up the gloves and start fighting. She realized that some relationships are worth the fight.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some of your memories of your father?
- 2. When you were growing up, did you feel as though you had the approval of your father?
- 3. How has your relationship with your father impacted your life?
- 4. How would you describe the relationship you have with your father now?
- 5. Read Romans 12:18. What can *you do* to bring peace into your relationship with your father? Your mother? Your children?
- 6. Why is the parent/child relationship worth fighting for?

THINK ABOUT IT

Despite all the dysfunction in their relationship, Holly still had memories of the good times with her dad. One of the steps she took in reaching out to her dad was to list some of those unforgettable memories that she had with him. Make a list of the good memories you've had with your parent or child. Consider sending this list to them.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Holly joined the fight club and pursued a relationship with her father. Though it wasn't easy or immediate, God eventually brought reconciliation into their relationship. On his deathbed, the last words she heard her father say were "Holly, I love you." How about you? Will you join the fight club? What will you do this week to reengage with your parent or child?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18

