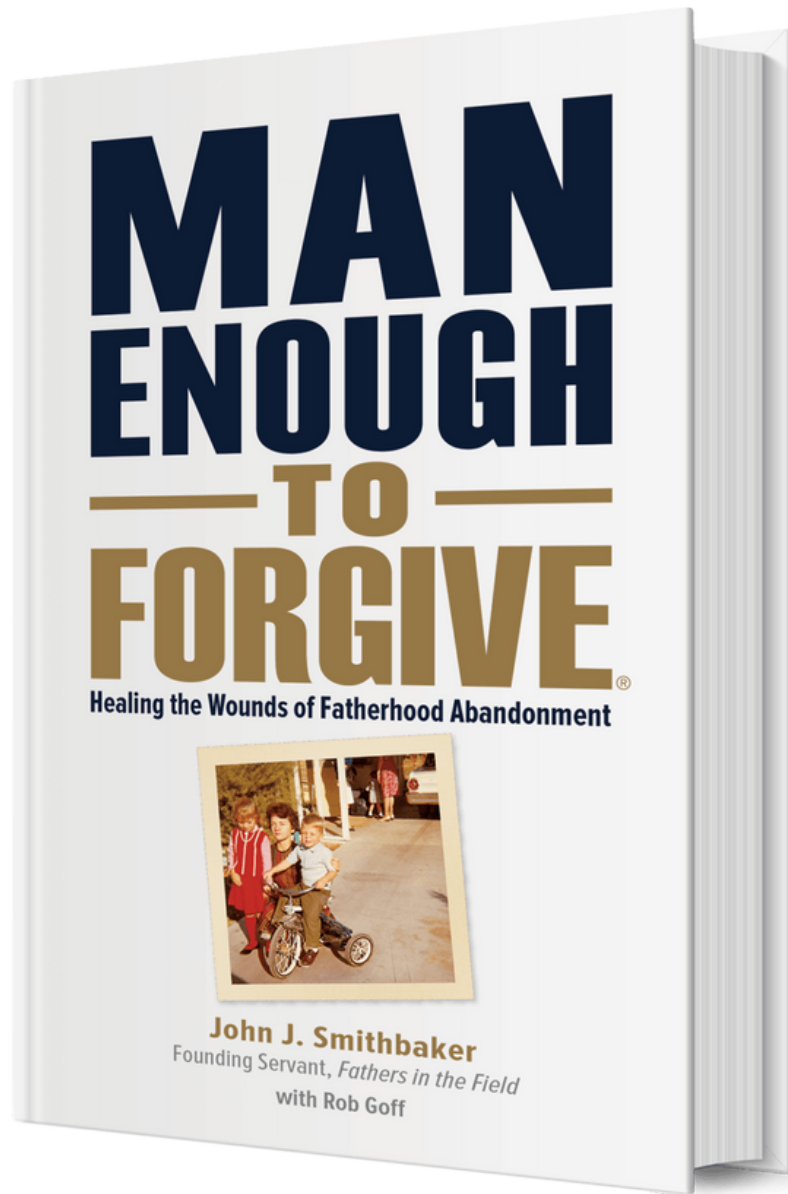
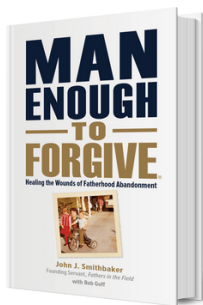


# MAN ENOUGH TO FORGIVE



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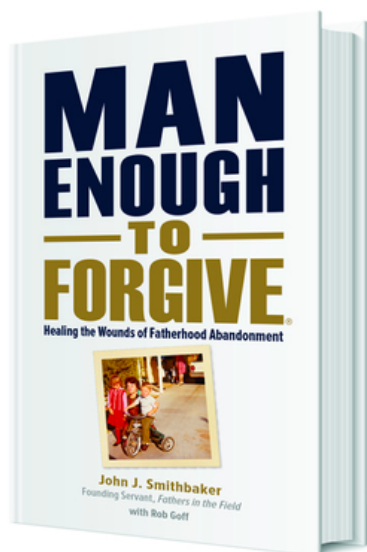


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# John J. Smithbaker Releases Book to Address the No. 1 Societal Issue of Our Time: Fatherlessness

## 'Man Enough to Forgive' and Companion Workbook Helps Readers Fulfill Their Mission-Oriented Purpose Through Forgiveness

**PHOENIX, Arizona, Aug. 1, 2023** – Author, speaker and founder of Fathers in the Field, John J. Smithbaker, has written “Man Enough to Forgive: Healing the Wounds of Fatherhood Abandonment,” to challenge men to break the cycle of fatherlessness and pursue biblical forgiveness.



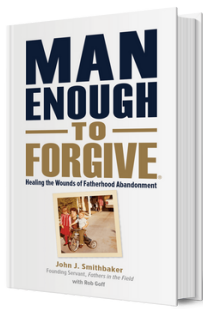
Designed specifically for Christian men, but relevant to all men suffering, even as adults, the impact their father's leadership in the home as children, the book emphasizes how forgiveness of one's earthly father is critical to a more intimate relationship with the Heavenly Father and to overcoming the pain fatherless boys naturally carry over into adulthood.

“The purpose of ‘Man Enough to Forgive’ is to address the No. 1 societal issue of our time—fatherlessness caused by divorce or the abandonment, absenteeism, neglect or indifference of a child's God-ordained pastor, provider and protector—his father,” says Smithbaker.

“Men were born for a glorious and mission-oriented purpose; therefore, my goal is to walk alongside other men in this battle for truth and the pursuit of masculine righteousness through forgiveness.”

Almost every destructive cultural issue today in America has roots in the systemic problem of fatherlessness. More than 18.4 million children in America live without a biological step or adoptive father in the home today.

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Research shows that fatherless children are more likely to live in poverty, suffer from a mental illness, engage in criminal activity and drop out of school. This epidemic has not only plagued our society, but it also has severe consequences for the Church.

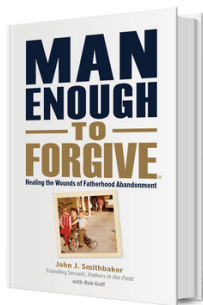
“Pastors universally acknowledge that their churches are being overwhelmed with the symptoms of fatherlessness both among boys and men,” says Smithbaker. “The wounds and consequences of a father’s absence is holding many men back from pursuing their God-given purpose as a spiritual leader within the family and in the Church.”



Recognizing that the path to true forgiveness is a challenging and sometimes misunderstood process, Smithbaker has developed a companion study guide for readers, which includes writing prompts, thought-provoking questions, podcast episodes and practical checklists to guide men through an easy-to-follow process. Both the book and study guide will ultimately serve as a road map to those impacted by abandonment and divorce, helping them to find healing in the arms of the Heavenly Father.

“I have witnessed firsthand how generational fatherlessness destroys families and is fundamentally weakening our nation,” said Smithbaker. “My mission is to earnestly search for and rescue the desperately hurt, the angry, the lonely and those pleading voices of the precious fatherless who are crying for help.”

“Man Enough to Forgive,” with a foreword by Lieutenant Colonel Allen B. West and endorsement from the President of the American Association of Christian Counselors, Dr. Tim Clinton, releases on September 17 from Dunham Books. To learn more about John J. Smithbaker and his new release, [manenoughtoforgive.com](http://manenoughtoforgive.com).

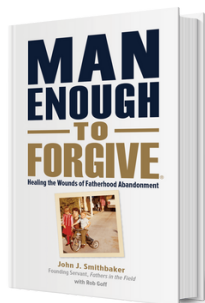


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### About John J. Smithbaker

John J. Smithbaker is an author, speaker and founder of Fathers in the Field. His passion and focus are to help men recapture their divinely assigned roles of Pastor, Provider and Protector in the home, as well as in the Church. As an experienced businessman, ministry leader, and gifted communicator, Smithbaker combines his personal experience and straight-forward style to connect and speak with men held back from becoming the man God designed who suffers through the brokenness, pain and anger of being left behind. For more information, visit [manenoughtoforgive.com](http://manenoughtoforgive.com).

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### JOHN J. SMITHBAKER



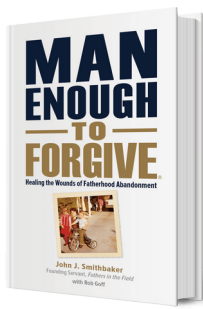
John J. Smithbaker is an author, speaker and founder of Fathers in the Field. His passion and focus are to help men recapture their divinely assigned roles of Pastor, Provider and Protector in the home, as well as in the Church. Standing in the gap for the fatherless and challenging men to defend those under their care is a call on his life from the Heavenly Father. As a gifted leader, Smithbaker combines his personal experience and straightforward style to connect with men impacted by the wounds of fatherlessness, helping them recognize their God-given, mission-oriented purpose in life.

Before entering full-time ministry, Smithbaker served for 15 years as president and CEO of Brunton Outdoor Group, a leading manufacturer of outdoor adventure products.

In 2005, Smithbaker launched the Fathers in the Field ministry to share God’s abiding love with fatherless boys through mentorship with godly men in their local church. His desire is to be a catalyst for the Kingdom by “defending the cause of the fatherless,” pointing others to the Heavenly Father’s eternal power, forgiveness and faithfulness.

Smithbaker is the author of “Man Enough to Forgive: Healing the Wounds of Fatherhood Abandonment” and his first book, “The Great American Rescue Mission: Reaching and Healing the Fatherless,” which clearly makes the connection between the destruction of families, the eroding roles of men in the home, and the ills of American culture – and charts a path to restoration by coming alongside the wounded fatherlessness across the country.

He is happily married to his wife, Tracey, and together they have three adult children.



## BOOK FACT SHEET

**Title:** “Man Enough to Forgive: Healing the Wounds of Fatherhood Abandonment”

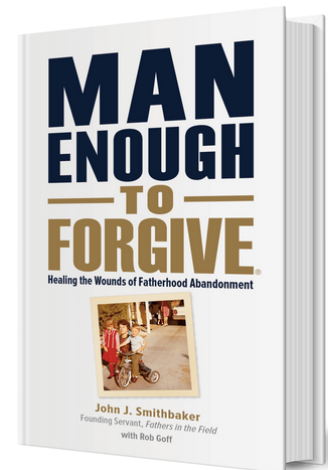
**Author:** John J. Smithbaker

**Forward Written by:** Lieutenant Colonel Allen B. West

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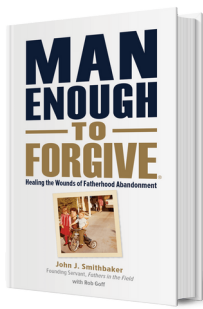
**Publication Date:** September 17, 2023

**ISBN:** 978-1-952144-15-8



**Synopsis:** Healing the Wounds of Fatherhood Abandonment

Addressing the No. 1 societal issue of our time, “Man Enough to Forgive” was created for men who have been impacted by the wounds of fatherhood abandonment, divorce and neglect. Placing an emphasis on biblical forgiveness and restoration, author John J. Smithbaker encourages readers to find comfort in the arms of the Heavenly Father through personal reflection and obedience. Designed to help readers identify the full scope of what it means to be fatherless and begin the process of healing, “Man Enough to Forgive” transforms individuals from the inside out, helping them pursue their God-ordained purpose as Pastors, Providers and Protectors in the home.



## STUDY GUIDE FACT SHEET

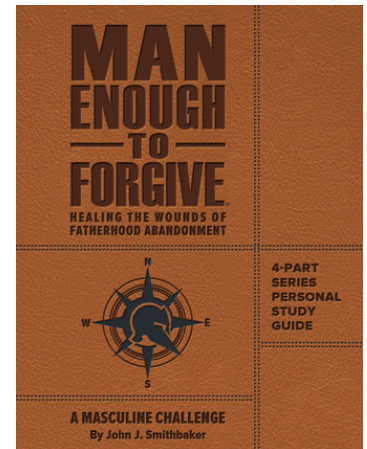
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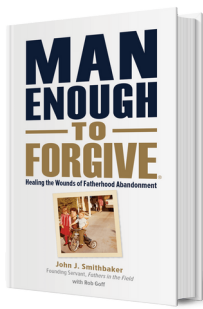
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**Synopsis:** How to Become the Man God Created You to Be

The “Man Enough to Forgive” study guide is a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to understanding and achieving biblical forgiveness and healing from fatherhood abandonment. Leading men through the profound yet practical and direct approach, the study guide is intended to help readers process their emotional thoughts and memories within the framework of God’s Truths. With a challenge at the end of the study to write a letter of forgiveness to their earthly father, this guide is intended to comfort past hurts and bring deep insights into the present.



## ENDORSEMENTS

**DR. TIM CLINTON**, *President of the American Association of Christian Counselors, Co-host Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk radio broadcast, professor of Counselling and Pastoral Care.*

“John’s ministry to the fatherless is the real deal. He was fatherless, knows the fatherless issues, and his ministry of nearly two decades is impacting lives, one soul at a time.”

**DR. MEG MEEKER, MD**, *Best-selling author, pediatrician, international speaker, and mentor to many NFL fathers.*

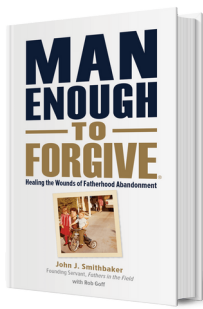
“As a pediatrician for thirty years, I’ve seen hundreds of suffering boys in my office who are bearing the pain and consequences of fatherlessness. From eating disorders to destructive social behavior, failure at school and violence, to sexual promiscuity, and even attempted suicide - the absence of a father in the home impacts healthy psychological, physical, social, and spiritual development in all boys. With unwavering commitment and a process for restoration that works, John Smithbaker and Fathers in the Field leads both boys and men on a path to faith and freedom from the destruction of fatherlessness.”

**PASTOR LEE EVANS**, *Local Bible church pastor, proclaiming God's Truths since 1983 in Texas, Head Shepherd at West Lake Baptist, married to a precious helpmate, Cindy for 42 years.*

“Forgiveness is a choice we each make to surrender our hurt to God for healing and turnover our violator to God for redemption or retribution.”

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**MICHAEL J. TOMLINSON**, *President and CEO, BDI a national rescue mission agency.*

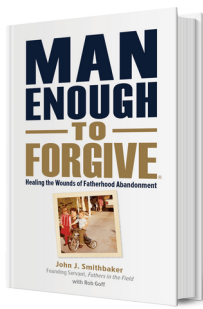
“Authenticity, Truth, and Impact: These three words best describe Fathers in the Field, Man Enough to Forgive, and John Smithbaker. For years I’ve seen the Fathers in the Field ministry empower the local church, rally men of faith, and literally change the destiny of emotionally crippled fatherless boys. But what about all the men that grow up without the helping leadership of mentors, an understanding of God’s healing grace, and freedom from the prison of hate and dysfunction born in their youth?”

“John’s passion is authentic, his commitment to God’s truth is unwavering, and the impact of the message he brings is life transformational. Too many men think they’ve transcended childhood hurts and simply moved on productively with life, but in reality, they have yet to forgive as the Heavenly Father commands. As a result, they cannot fully embrace the Lord’s forgiveness. This too is my testimony.”

**DR. DAVE WHITE**, *Pastor, Renowned Speaker, Life Coach and NCAA Men’s Basketball Referee, Alpha Male Advocate.*

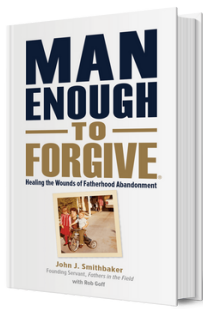
“Courageous, Insightful, Practical and Manful! John is a man’s man, a rare faith warrior, and a redeemed luminary on this critical issue. Welcome his wisdom and be transformed!”

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## SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why do you believe fatherlessness is the No. 1 societal issue of our time?
- What are the common cultural ills associated with fatherlessness?
- What could happen if the problem of fatherlessness is not addressed? Do you believe there is a solution?
- Can you share more about your personal forgiveness journey from fatherhood abandonment?
- What inspired you to write “Man Enough to Forgive”?
- What makes “Man Enough to Forgive” different from other books that address the subject of fatherlessness?
- You use a compass as a key illustration in the book. What is the significance of this?
- In the book, you walk through the scope of fatherlessness. What do you want readers to understand about the process of biblical forgiveness?
- What are the God-ordained roles of men in the family and in the Church?
- You have created a companion study guide with the release of your book. Can you explain the purpose and intent behind this workbook?
- You encourage readers to write a letter of forgiveness at the end of the study guide. What is the goal of this activity?
- What are the key insights you want readers to take away from this book and study guide?
- You wrote “Man Enough to Forgive” primarily for men, but what can women learn from reading this book?
- Where can audiences find more information or purchase their own copy of “Man Enough to Forgive”?



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