

What It Means to be a Good Father

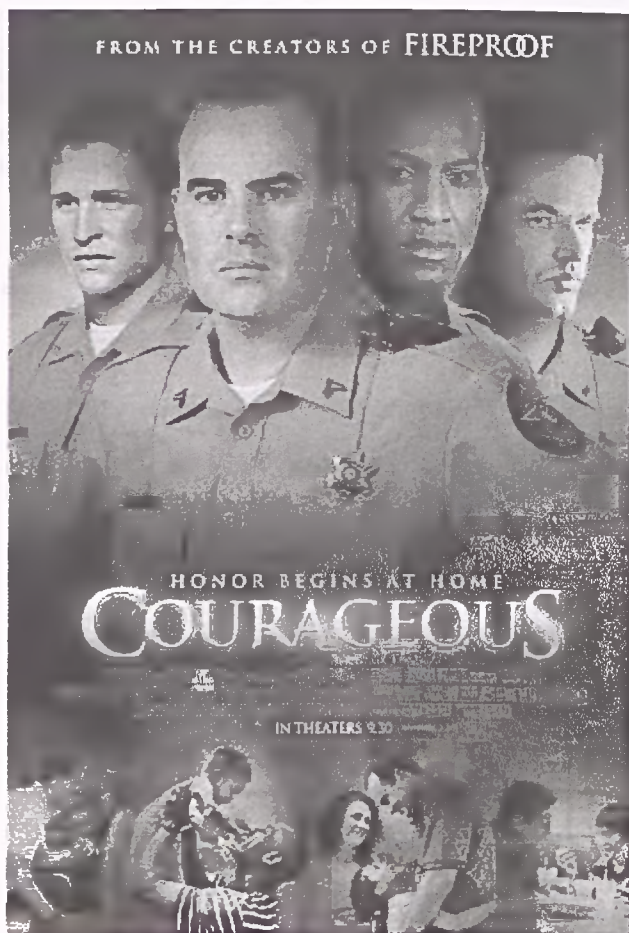
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I went to see *Courageous* with my family over Homecoming Weekend. *Courageous* is made by the same people as *Facing the Giants* and *Fireproof*.

This movie addresses the issue of what it means to be a good father. The story kicks off when the sheriff reads his men an e-mail about how many teens get involved in a gang because they did not have a good father. Inspired by this, Adam (Alex Mitchell) and his friends Nathan (Ken Bevel), Shane (Kevin Downes) and David (Ben Davies) sign a resolution to be better fathers to their children.

"I do solemnly swear before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife, and my children.

I will be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her, and be willing to lay down my life for her as Jesus Christ did for me."



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The Resolution:

I will bless my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, all of their minds, and all of their strength.

I will train them to honor authority and to live responsibly.

I will confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy.

I will pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect, and compassion.

I will work diligently to provide for the needs of my family.

I will forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those that I have wronged.

I will learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity as a man answerable to God.

I will seek to honor God, be faithful to his Church, obey his word, and do His will.

I will courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life and for His glory."

By including the resolution, I want everyone here at Montreat College to hold me accountable. This resolution does not apply to me alone. There are many professors and other staff that are parents and could make this resolution part of their lives. In a few years, many of the students that go here will also be married.

