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When You've Dropped the Mantle

"He must manage his own household well..." – 1 Timothy 3:4

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."
– Ephesians 5:25

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." – Ephesians 6:4

Reflection

Spiritual leadership isn't about control—it's about covering. It's not about being the loudest voice—it's about being the first to kneel. If you've dropped the mantle, you're not alone. Many men have. But God doesn't revoke callings—He resurrects them. The question isn't "Have I failed?" It's "Will I rise?"

Devotional Thought

Ezekiel saw bones—dry, scattered, forgotten. That's what spiritual passivity can feel like. But God didn't say, "Try harder." He said, "Prophesy." That's your call: speak life into the silence. You don't need a seminary degree—you need surrender. You don't need perfection—you need presence.

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Jesus led with sacrifice. He washed feet. He wept. He bled. That's the model. Leadership isn't about being impressive—it's about being available. Your home doesn't need a hero. It needs a man who listens, repents, and leads with humility.

Call to Action

- Start small: pray out loud with your family.
- Open Scripture—even if it's just one verse a day.
- Confess where you've been absent.
- Invite accountability.
- Memorize Ephesians 5:25 like it's your mantle.

You're not disqualified. You're being called back to the front lines.

Prayer

Father, I've dropped the mantle.
I've been passive when I should've led.
But I believe You still call me.
Teach me to lead like Jesus—sacrificial, humble, present.
Speak life into my home.
Raise me up—not for my glory, but for Yours.

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