



**FAMILY TIES THAT DIDN'T BIND**

**Key Principle:** *A Crisis In The Family Creates a \_\_\_\_\_.*

**I. The Power of Family Dynamics**

**III. The Problems within Families**

A. Absent Fathers/ Absent Mothers

B. Father Contributions

*If Dad Is There . . .*

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*If Dad Is **Not** There . . .*

1. She may develop a personality that is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.  
She may have difficulty bonding with a man in an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
2. She may become inappropriately \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Mother Contributions

1. She receives a clear \_\_\_\_\_ of being \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She has a \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation from a \_\_\_\_\_ source.
3. She often develops her first \_\_\_\_\_.

***Discussion Questions:***

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: Which of the Mixed Messages have affected *you*? What is the evidence of that in your life? What step did you identify to begin reshaping your thinking.
2. Was your father present or absent while you were growing up? If he was there physically, was he emotionally available and supportive?
3. How has his presence or absence affected your relationships with men?
4. List three attributes of your mother. How are you like her? How are you different?
5. What has been your reaction to the “messages” you received from your home of origin about what it means to be a woman?
6. What examples of femininity do you want to pass on the women and girls in your life that you have influence over?