

**RENOVATE:
PARENTING LIKE JESUS**

Ephesians 6:1 – 4
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MESSAGE NOTES

Children, obey your parents in the Lord. For this is right. Honor your father and mother — which is the first commandment with a promise — so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.. — Ephesians 6:1 – 4

The Big Three:

1. Obedience
2. Honor
3. Learning without forcing

How do we help our kids with these things?

God chooses to relate to us as a Father.

OUR DESIGN vs GOD'S DESIGN**OUR DESIGN: REACTIONARY**

- The Hamster Ball Parent
- The Helicopter Parent
- The Unicorn and Rainbow Parent

GOD'S DESIGN: PREPARATION

- Insulation not Isolation

I have given them Your Word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the Truth; Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world..

— John 17:14 – 18

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people — not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. — 1 Corinthians 5:9 – 10

- Deep End Learning

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything..

— James 1:2 – 4

- Exposure not Frustration

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. — Ephesians 6:4

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. — 1 Corinthians 10:13

Our kids must choose to Obey

Our kids must choose to Honor

Our kids must choose to Learn

What are we intentionally and actively doing in the lives of our children that is preparing them for being an adult?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read over the passages.

- What is one thing that impacted you most when reading the passages?
- What is one thing that stood out to you from the message over the weekend?
- What is the best piece of parenting advice you have heard?
- Share a parenting principle that you have read in the Bible.
- Why do you think God chose to relate to us as a Father?
- What do you believe kids need in order to become healthy adults?
- What do you believe adults need to help their kids be healthy kids?
- Do you believe that God desires to prepare us for hardship or protect us from hardship? Why or why not?
- What are some of the changes you have made to your parenting because of a change of heart?
- How do parents make it easier for their children to know God?
- How do parents stand in the way of their children knowing God?
- What do honor and obedience teach children about God?