

Family Series
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Think about your relationship with your father. If you had five words to describe your earthly father what would they be?

Has your relationship with your earthly father affected how you see our Heavenly Father?

Proverbs 19:18 says, *“Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.”*

Restate that verse in your own words below:

Can you think of an example where you have seen a parent “be a willing party to their child’s death”?

Why do you think that happens?

The Ultimate Goal of Parenting: Turn our children into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Must Be Motivated by Love

Proverbs 13:24- *“He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.”*

How would you rate yourself on choosing which battles to pick or not?
What are the non-negotiable battles that you will fight with your children? Why?

Must Be Consistent

Hebrews 12:8-11

What are barriers that make it difficult to be consistent in parenting?

Must Be Accompanied By Grace

Proverbs 15:1- *“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*

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

Why is it so important to show our children grace as their parents?

Think about how God parents us, His children, are we parenting our children with the same love, grace and consistency? In what ways can we alter how we are parenting our kids immediately to show the how our Heavenly Father parents?