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**Fathers Day Guest Speaker”**

**Title: 5 Things Every Child Needs**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

**5 THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS**

Deuteronomy 6: 5 // Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

1. A DAD WHO LOVES GOD COMPLETELY

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

•  Total package: Heart - emotionally, Soul - willfully, Mind - mentally, Strength - physically.

Everything calibrates to this.

Deuteronomy 6:6 // These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

2. A DAD WHO LOVES GOD’S WORD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

•  God’s Word is integrated into his life. He is transformed by it.

•  He treasures God’s Word

Psalm 119:72 // **“The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver**

**and gold.”**

Matthew 6:21 // **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

Deuteronomy 6:7 // Impress them on your children.

3. A DAD WHO LEADS HIS CHILDREN INTENTIONALLY

Impress them on your children.

•  Accepts responsibility to lead and train his children. Doesn’t defer to his wife, the school,

the church. Doesn’t stand by passively.

•  Are they impressed? (affected deeply, pressed into, leaving a mark, making an impression)

•  Impress, don’t oppress! (don’t depress, dishearten)

- Ephesians 6:4 // **“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and**

**instruction of the Lord.”**

- Proverbs 22:6 // **“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from**

**it.”** (According to their bent)

•  Don’t let them leave home without these: “I love you”, “I’m proud of you”, You’re really good at …”

Four (4) Parenting Styles:

- High in Love / Low in Discipline & Instruction =  PERMISSIVE

- Low in Discipline & Instruction / Low in Love =  NEGLECTFUL

- Low in Love / High in Discipline & Instruction =  AUTHORITARIAN

- High in Love / High in Discipline & Instruction =  AUTHORITATIVE

-  Worst = Authoritarian

-  Best = Authoritative

- 1-4 (Best to Worst)

3. A DAD WHO LEADS HIS CHILDREN INTENTIONALLY

•  Grace AND Truth

- John 1:17 // **“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”**

- Discipline and correction and boundaries are all expressions of grace.

•  Goal is to connect with their heart, not just their behavior

- Our hope is not for compliance, but transformation

Story: First Date With My Daughter

Pics:

- With Anna when she was about 3 years old

- Milkshakes at Johnny Rocket’s

- By the fountain

- Hand with ring closeup

- Card

- 14th Birthday pic

Deuteronomy 6:7 // Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

4. A DAD WHO SPEAKS GOD’S TRUTH FREELY

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

•  If you love God completely and love His Word wholeheartedly, it will flow freely out of our mouth. **(Out of the overflow of the heart…)**

**- Luke 6:45 // “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.** For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**”**

•  What will we talk about? Everything!

**- Remember: We’re Talking WITH them, not TO them. It’s a dialogue, not a monologue.**

•  Help them answer the 3 Biggest Questions of Life:

**Tim Kimmel, Raising Kids for True Greatness**

**1. What is my** mission **going to be? Will they have a transcendent cause?**

**- C.S. Lewis: “If you aim at heaven you’ll get earth thrown in, but if you aim at earth you’ll get neither.”**

**2. Who is my**mate **going to be?**

**3. Who is my** master **going to be? (Self? Culture? God?)**

•  A Grace-Based Dad gives his kids the freedom …  to be different, to be vulnerable, to be candid, to make mistakes **(Tim Kimmel, Grace-Based Parenting)**

- Our children are capable of some very bad things because WE are their parents! (Inherited sin nature)

Work on your poker face!

• Learn how to transition well through different seasons of life

**- Coach, Counselor, Consultant, Colleague**

Deuteronomy 6:8-9 // Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

5. A DAD WHO STANDS GUARD COURAGEOUSLY

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

• Jewish traditions:

- Mezuzah on the doorpost — Small piece of parchment usually containing the line from Deuteronomy.

6:4: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” The parchment is folded or rolled, placed in a small case, and attached to the right side of the doorway of a home at shoulder height. Tradition dictates that it be placed within 30 days of moving into a new home.

- Phylacteries are small leather boxes that contain portions of the Law of Moses. Boxes were strapped to the wrist and to a sort of headband so that one literally carried the laws of God over their eyes and on their hands.

• Jesus mentions how some were missing the point of this practice in Matthew 23:5: **“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide.”**

• What does God require? Micah 6:8 // “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

- Another picture of the TOTAL PACKAGE: courage of a soldier, compassion of a shepherd, humility of a servant.

• Our application:

- More than a “for me and my house…” plaque, T-shirts, cliche of the day FB posts.

- Stand guard with the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18): Belt of truth. breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- Sword of the Spirit/Word of God — Must love God’s Word wholeheartedly and know how to apply it.

(Are you standing guard with a plastic knife or a sword?)

- Show them how to wear this armor. THEY must learn how to fight! We’re not raising SAFE kids, we’re raising STRONG kids. We’re raising adults.

5 THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS (LIST)

• Loves God completely

• Loves God’s Word wholeheartedly

• Leads his children intentionally

• Speaks God’s truth freely

• Stands guard courageously

Conclusion: There will always be mistakes even in Grace-Based Parenting. WE need grace as much as our kids do. Continue the conversation through the different seasons of life. Learn to say “I’m sorry” and grow even deeper in your relationship with your kids.

**VIDEO: Loving Your Daughter Well, from 33V6, A Man and His Fatherhood**