

At The Movies
July 6, 2014
“Parenting like a Super-Star”

Parents are not interested in justice, they're interested in peace and quiet.

Bill Cosby

1. We can't protect them from everything!

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

1 John 4:18 (NASB)

2. They can do more than we give them credit for.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. “Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:5-8 (NASB)

3. Kids thrive with structure and boundaries.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck.

Proverbs 1:8-9 (NASB)

4. They don't come with an instruction manual, but we do have God's word...

Place these words on your hearts. Get them deep inside you. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder. Teach them to your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning until you fall into bed at night.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 (MSG)

5. It's a way...

There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NASB)

6. They'll be fine, trust me!

Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything.

1 Peter 4:8 (MSG)

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NASB)

Announcements:

July 20th - Growth Track 1.0 & 2.0 Learn more about Awaken and how to get involved.

July 27th - Family Fun Day and Picnic following our morning service

August 10th - Life Group Leader Interest Meeting

Life Group Study Questions:

1. What areas of your life do you need to trust God more with? Do you really believe that God is in control of your life?
2. What expectations have you set for your kids? Do you believe that God can use them to accomplish great things?
3. Kids thrive within the confines of structure and boundaries... How are you setting your kids up? To succeed or fail?
4. God's word is the universal instruction manual for parents... Knowing every child is different, how important is God's word for you as parent in determining how to raise your child? What are some of the verses that you lean on or have leaned on?
5. There are so many ways to raise kids... styles, tactics and philosophies can change from family to family, but what are some universal truths that God's word teaches us?
6. What are you doing to work on your marriage? How are you getting and spending personal time? If either your marriage or individual parents are not healthy, spiritually, emotionally, or physically, it will have a great impact on your kids... They'll be fine and even better, if parents take time to work on themselves and their marriages!