

The Next Generation: Truth about Children

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Children are a _____ from God.

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The next generation will be taught to put God first by _____ put God first.

Truth to Embrace:

To impact the next generation, we must put _____, pass on _____, and share from _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything from last week's *Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies* section that you would like to share?
2. What stands out to you from lecture or the passage we looked at today?
3. Who has God put in your life to impact for the next generation?
4. What lies do you see others (or yourself) believe about children and impacting the next generation?
5. How can we model putting God first to children and/or the next generation? What would this look like in your life?
6. How can we share our own life transformation with children and/or the next generation?

Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The book of Deuteronomy was written by Moses and is a sermon, or set of sermons, preached by Moses to all of Israel shortly before his death and not long before Israel enters the Promised Land. The book is a motivation sermon, urging Israel to be faithful in obedience.

Jot down notes on the passage, specifically words or ideas that are repeated in the passage.

Questions to consider:

1. With what are you to love the Lord your God (v. 5)?
2. Where are we to store God's Word ("commandments" = God's Word) (v. 6)?
3. List when and where we are to impress God's Word on children (v. 7)?
4. In verse 8, directions are given to tie and bind the Word of God on your forearm and forehead. This was to ensure the Scriptures were with you wherever you went. How can you store God's Word in your heart?
5. How can you pass on the truths of God's Word to the next generation?
6. What lies do you need to uproot about children or the next generation?
7. What truths will you plant?

Don't Feel Sorry for or Fear for Your Kids; Raise Them up to Walk in Faith

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be.

God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident.

Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God.

Train them up in the authority of His Word.

Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control.

Empower them to know they can change the world.

Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

He knew Daniel could handle the lions' den.

He knew David could handle Goliath.

He knew Esther could handle Haman.

He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose you to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge.

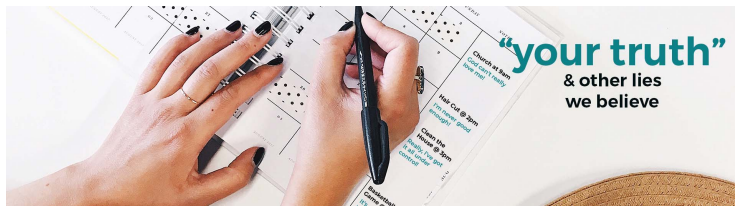
Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers, and Peters!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world.

He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth.

Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this.

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The next generation will be taught to put God first by watching others put God first.

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To impact the next generation, we must put God first, pass on Truth, and share from a transformed life.