PARENTING

Opt For Relationships

- 1. The <u>power</u> of relationships
 - Relationships create <u>influence</u>.
 - Relationships <u>teach</u> relational skills.
 - Relationships promote <u>joy</u>.
- 2. The <u>challenge</u> to relationships

3. The <u>commitment</u> to relationships

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- As you think about your upcoming week and your commitments, do you feel busy? How do your abundant choices add to that feeling?
- 2. Read the story of Jesus and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. Notice the descriptions of Martha in verses 40-41. Are there things you consider a necessity in your schedule that Jesus would call optional?
- 3. As you look at your normal week, how have you scheduled your time to prioritize your relationship with God? Your spouse? Your children?
- 4. Share some activities you could eliminate that would free up time for relationships. Be radical.

MEMORY VERSE

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her."