

HOW TO KEEP THE KIDS IN FOCUS WHEN LIFE'S A BLUR

A lesson from a father and two sons; David, Absalom and Solomon

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven;" Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

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$\underline{F} - \underline{FIND}$ the kids in the picture and join them in it.

David sent a messenger to Absalom... "The king wouldn't come but sent his thanks... So at Absalom's signal they murdered Amnon"

2 Samuel 13:25 & 29

David spoke to Solomon and said... "And (to) Solomon, my son, get to know the God of your ancestors. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord sees every heart and understands and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him..."

1 Chronicles 28:9 & 10 (NLT)

O – OPTIMIZE the moments they are in now.

Absalom replied, ... "why he brought me... if he didn't intend to see me... Then at last David summoned his estranged son, and Absalom came and bowed before the king and David Kissed him." 2 Samuel 14:32 & 33

"Every part of this plan," David told Solomon, "was given to me in writing from the hand of the Lord. Then David continued, Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged (by the size of the task) for the Lord God, my God is with you..." 1 Chron. 28:19-20 (NLT)

<u>C</u> – <u>CUT OUT</u> what, and who, should not be in the picture now.

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<u>U</u> – <u>UNDERSTAND</u> where this is heading (<u>making adults</u>).

"Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years without getting to see the king" 2 Samuel 14:28 (NLT)

"And (to) Solomon, my son, get to know the God of your ancestors. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and with a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and understands and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. So take this seriously." 1 Chronicles 28:9 & 10

S – SET THE **STANDARD** (be the picture).

Solomon replied to God, "You showed great and faithful love to David, my father, and now you have made me king in his place. O Lord God, please continue to keep your promise to David my father, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth! Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead them properly, for who could possibly govern this great people of yours?" 2 Chronicles 1:8-10 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. What children has God placed in my life? What are their ages and what is happening in their life right now? What is going on in their development? Who is the biggest influence on their lives? What role am I playing in helping them at this moment in time? What can I intentionally do to affect their lives right now? Write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me what changes you are going to make this week to help your children become all that God has planned for them to be.