

Building "His" Us

For everything absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in Him and finds it purpose in Him... Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply"... Genesis 1:27&28 (NLT)

God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. <u>He wanted to have many children</u> share His glory... **Hebrews 2:10a (NCV)**

God's unchanging plan has always been to <u>adopt us into His own family</u> by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)**

The Parent's Priority

...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. Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)

Priority #1: It all begins with me loving God first.

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Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

DO I LOVE GOD WITH ALL OF MY HEART OR SOME OF MY HEART?

Priority #2: I must intentionally <u>lead</u> my family into His Family.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon 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. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV)

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)**

ARE WE LEADING OUR CHILDREN OR ARE THEY LEADING US?

Then Jeremiah turned to the Recabites and said, "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'You have obeyed your ancestor Jehonadab in every respect, following all his instructions.' Therefore, this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Jehonadab son of Recab will always have descendants who serve me.'" Jeremiah 35:18-19 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. This week gather your family together and read the following passages out of the Bible. Deuteronomy 4:4-7, Exodus 20:1-17, Ephesians 6:1-4, Proverbs 22:6, and then read Exodus 20:12 again. As you will note, this commandment is a commandment with a promise. What is the commandment and what is the promise? Now, look up the word train in a dictionary. What is one thing you could do this week to help train your family in the ways of the Lord? Write out a plan and then do it. Write us at *stories@centerpointchurch.com* and tell him what you have chosen to do.