

TRAINING 2 - G2G: PARENTING FOR ETERNITY
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TWO PRINCIPLES

1. Parents disciple their children

2. One generation is responsible for the next - "One generation shall tell the next generation the wonderful works of the Lord" - Psalm 145:4

(simplicity of connecting with younger generation.
"As with adults do with children")

PARENTING FOR ETERNITY

The light goes to the dark places. The light goes to the dangerous places. Daphne has raised her children teaching them to live this. Being persecuted and put in prison is normal in the Bible and we are called to live this way.

"If God would choose me to walk the same path of this young man being martyred it would be my honest honor" - - We usually live with our eyes on this earth. Education, sports.... Will your children thank you 1 billion years from now. "Thanks Mom. Thanks Dad. Look at the crowns I got from Jesus... look I'm ruling over nations... For eternity you set me up this." OR - Thanks Mom I got a good job, a good education, a good family.... and I just scraped into eternity.

Whether you have children or not the principles of parenting for eternity apply to the emerging generation.

"The secret things belong to God, the revealed things belong to us and to our children" - Deuteronomy 29:29

- People don't worry about the revealed things (finances, parents discipling their parents...)
- What we live and what we do speaks far louder than our words (be careful as a church to point fingers at the parents if the church is not doing this)
- Don't share the "chocolate" with anyone else before you give it to your children (Connect Group testimony - "Have you shared this testimony with your children?") - - Biblically first to our children
- Some churches have a discipleship weekend - rarely if ever talking about discipleship of the next generation. No one should be discipling someone else if they are not discipling our own children.
- Worship leader? First place to worship is my family. Connect Group leader? First place is my family.
- 50% of qualifications in 1&2 Timothy has to do with family

It is a Biblical command that parents are responsible for their children. "But some parents don't know how to disciple their children" Agree? Not true! Daphne says, "We play foot (point to foot) ball... You play hand egg..."

- In Brazil asking people about football, their favorite team.... You know how to disciple... you did it with football! - - It happened without having to study it!
- Why are you asking me to tell you how to do it with Jesus?
- You love football with all your heart, all your soul, all your might.... PASSIONATE about it - - Passion is contagious... Your children will catch what you are passionate about. What are we meant to be passionate about? LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.... Those scripture are not a formula (Scripture says: Teach them diligently; talk about them at home; when you walk, at bedtime; when you get up; wear them; put them in your homes for all to see - - Deut 6:6-7

GOOD NEWS – Everyone can do it! (We have been given the ability)

BAD NEWS – Do we have generation of parents that are not passionate about Jesus?

Every parent disciples their children in the thing they are passionate about. - - Quite simple! JESUS IS WHO WE ARE MEANT TO BE IN LOVE WITH... and the rest is simple.

Psalm 124:7 – “Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are sons born in one’s youth”

- When you have children you become a warrior. Who directs the destiny of a child? Parents, them, God... A mix. We as parents have a MAJOR part in the destiny of our children. - - Daphne says... My children are not passionate about things because of any church. “I am going to fire these children into North Korea. Dis they go to a church? YES a very formal church. What can they learn? (respect, obedience, honor, to worship with me, kneel...) - - They learned things from the body of Christ.
- Story of Daniella wanting to be baptized as a child. Pastor said no. “Daniella you are learning to submit to authority with a happy and willing heart...”

Raise DANIELS – Imagine your child is Daniel & the setting is school. Principal says not praying... you are going to bow down and worship whatever... Child comes home... What would you tell your child to do? Most, “that’s ok, you can pray in your heart... just pray for the others silently” OF - - “Never you mind, stand up in an obvious place and YOU PRAY!” - - That is what Daniel did in the Bible... (other probably telling him “get down” - - we read these Bible stories but we don’t get in them) - - This is a story we better own.

- This challenges our overprotection - - “Real love has eternity inside” - - Love that is going to cost me everything. Sacrificial love may cost us everything.

Prepare ELIJAHS – A cost to be paid. There is a cost our children have to pay. Like Mordecai a the gates aware of Esther. - - Daphne “If my craziness and model for raising my children is not biblical come and tell me” - - Look at all we do through the eyes of eternity.

- Jesus gave us one thing to aim our children for... He DID NOT say “Raise my children to love me” - - the ultimate goal “Take up your cross and

follow me!" - - Do you want your children to FOLLOW Jesus OR to FOLLOW your ambitions?

- Cross was not something to hang on your neck. 10 of Jesus 12 disciples were martyred. It is a HIGH CALLING being a parent.
- In the USA why did everybody stop praying in our schools?

Daphne – *“I have a dream that parents raise soldiers / disciples and bring those soldiers to the body of Christ which forms them into an army/cell group to win the lost.”* - - this is the parents job not the church.... WHY? To win the lost together and make disciples. Why are children not making disciples by the age of 8? We grow another generation that says it's all about me.

- How long to become a disciple maker? Five minutes! I tell you something you tell someone else. Then we wonder why they are leaving the church when we are not stretching them and giving them something to die for!
- “What is the church doing for my child?” - - Instead “Can you help me help my child” - - Church is busy doing their expert thing with children's pastors and youth pastors... No wonder the parents say “we can't do that!”

There are children today dying for Jesus right in front of their parents. What are we doing in the West? Coloring books, giving them crafts... Our children are no different than those of North Korea.

With children and youth we LAUGH and have a lot of fun. We love each other but I AM SO TOUGH ON THEM. High standards! I focus on character not on their gifts. If they have good godly character their gifts are going to flourish. Often in the church we focus on GIFTING not CHARACTER!

God is looking for people with a YES IN THEIR HEART FOR JESUS.

Defining the role + Examining the consequences

“We will go to the nations... we will live for Jesus... we...”

Let's take the word BALANCE away and replace it with INTEGRATION...

I hate “missionary kids” and “pastors kids” - - First thing I did was my family and then the 10,000 pastors. My kids can do what I just as easily. I push them forward. They will never push themselves forward. They serve me! I push them forward. - - My kids in this season always share the platform with me.

Ministry does not have to pull your family apart neither do you have to compromise your ministry. My kids give me checks and balances... We decided “WE WILL DO WHATEVER JESUS CALLS US TO” - - Any ministry given is mean to bless and integrate them into.

Nothing wrong to make your children special in your ministry.

“For I have chosen him so that he will direct his children, and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord SO THAT the Lord will bring about for Abraham what He has promised” – Genesis 18:19

Remember two principles to take a generation:

1. One generation is responsible for the next
2. Parents are responsible for their children

How did God say we should do it? Keep it so they can see

- “Keep it for the generations to come” – Ex 16:33
- “When your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean? Tell them...’” – Joshua 4
- “Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise you” – Psalm 102:18

Where are our MEMORIALS?

A defining moment in HIStory – Eli teaching Samuel to listen who chose David (the right one from whom Jesus came).

Daphne – My children would go to church even if they were sick (unless contagious) - - have them go to Church or Connect Group. I set this bar I had to follow this myself.

How long do you disciple your children for? As long as they are your children. You disciple them until the day you die and then you show them how to do that well! (thinking of my dad Jerry!)

We don't take risks or allow our children to take risks because of our love for ourselves is greater than our love for them. - - A generation is being raised that will be willing to die for Jesus! We don't take the risks: FAITH, FEAR & love more for ourselves than them

Malachi 4:5-6 – ***“Before the great and terrible day of the Lord. I send the Spirit of Elijah and He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, or else I will strike the land with a curse.”*** - - context is before the great and terrible day

We need to raise a generation that will be prepared to go.

There is a curse on the USA land because the past generation has not passed on the

1 Chronicles 12:32 – The men of Issachar knew the signs of the times and they knew what to do.

What are the signs of your come and the end of the age?

- Matthew 24:1-14

- Which signs have not happened yet? 1. Nations will hate you 2. Gospel preached to ALL people - - Meeting in Hong Kong of mission agencies. They said if we work together it will take....

If you really believe what we said tonight - - The emerging generation could see the return of Jesus. Very few know what is going to happen in their lifetime.

- Daphne – We grew up looking at when Jesus is coming back. Now we say we got it wrong and we are not talking about it.
- Next generation is eager to go... Need to completely change the way we see things
- COMPROMISE – Church cannot even agree about marriage. How do we teach a generation to grow up and not compromise? Set out DVD on the floor right now we could not even agree with which to watch and which not.
- LOVE GROW COLD – potential is for our children’s love to grow cold. NO! Let’s get their love so hot!

The GREAT COMMISSION is not an option it is a command! - - Go into all the nations and make disciples... Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth and THEN decide where your calling is.

So many churches see the GREAT COMMISSION as an option. No! This is the church. We are raising a generation that can hasten the return of the King. We can raise the generation that can see the King return. See the GREATEST and the HARDEST times. What greater privilege and honor!

The GREAT COMMISSION IS THE CHURCH!

We take children from America to Malaysia with their family not just to the easy places. Moses was left behind because of disobedience. I want to cross with “Joshua” into the promised land. God has written this on their hearts.

There is a battle over one place and one city for one moment of time. Satan fell from heaven – Why? He wanted the worship! Where will be the worship be. The throne of David in Jerusalem. This is what Satan wants!

Ask three questions in this time:

1. Refining the bride – when the time is tough the church gets serious
2. Sort the sheep from the goats
3. Bring in the end time harvest

When did you last study ESCHATOLOGY? - - Heaven is coming down to earth!

Something has to change doesn’t it??

- People say to me, “Good word Daphne!”
- I say I will come back in six months and I will see.