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Good morning. Hope you're well today. If you're a guest with us, we're really glad you're here. If you have been here maybe just one time or a bunch of times and you still don't know how you connect, we invite you to this one hour time. It's following this service to just learn, how do you really connect to Providence. First, how do you connect to the Lord, but also here?

It is good to see your faces. If you have a Bible in your hand, if you want to turn with me to the book of Deuteronomy, and we're going to be in chapter six. If you don't have a Bible, there should be one in front of you in that seat. If you don't have one at home, please take that home as a gift.

We're going to start a new series right now. It's called Raising Kids. It'll last several weeks. But as we think about raising kids, there's simply no greater honor and trust really for God to place kids, kids that are created in His image into our hands. Yeah, they may be our kids, they may be kids in our neighborhood, they may be kids in our church, they may be nieces, nephews, but it's the next generation.

And for God to take something that is created in His image with that kind of dignity and honor and respectability and to entrust something that is small and vulnerable and growing and formative into our hands, whether it's to you as an individual, a parent, or to us as a church, it is an enormous trust given to us. It's also a really great challenge. You all know that when a culture like ours rejects God's design for the family, the first thing that happens is it breaks the bedrock of the culture.

You see, God created cultures to literally rest upon the bedrock of His design for a family. So when that culture rejects God and His design for the family, it literally shatters the foundation under the culture is built. As such, it has to build a new foundation or attempt to do so. And what you find when people who are confused, easily confused, easily tired, we don't have the full perspective. We're not sovereign. We're not all wise.

When we're building a foundation for a culture, what happens is that culture begins to spiral. And it begins to spiral in dysfunction, in anxiety, in lawlessness, in order, there's a lack of accountability, as well as just overwhelming confusion, confusion about what is right and left and up and down and male and female. Confusion about everything. Things that previous generations thought that no generation in the future will ever be confused about these matters. Now we're all confused about these matters.

Our culture is broken, but it does another thing. When a culture rejects God's design for family and seeks to build its own foundation, not only does it spiral in dysfunction, but it condemns everyone in that culture that doesn't conform to its new model. And that makes parenting in our really hard. Really, really hard. Trying to yield to the Lord, which is not in conformity to the new pattern of this world is really hard.

Raising godly kids today is like changing an airplane wing, mid-flight when you're out of gas in the middle of a war, being that. Your kids are in the back and you've run out of Cheerios, it's hard. Parenting is really hard. And for this reason, God has created this beautiful partnership between parents in the home and people

within the church to introduce kids to Christ and to raise them up the love and to worship Him. To live lives of honor and distinction, and to have relationships and to carry about responsibilities in a way that points to the glory of our creator.

It's all possible. I know that anytime I've ever talked about parenting, I know that many of us already, you start the process and you already felt like you're a failure, or that you have failed. For many people, you just mention parenting. You start talking about some of the things that God has given to us. And one of the first things that takes place in most of our lives who have ever had to or had the privilege to make this journey as a parent is, it's only natural for us to imagine all the things that we didn't get right. We rarely remember all the things we did get right. All the things that we did well, ways we did protect and provide. But the fact is, is that many of us were literally, we are in it right now, we got little kids and our effort is not yielding the result that we thought that it would yield. And that can create a sense of hopelessness.

Some of us in the room, our kids are out of the house and whether or not we sought to follow the Lord's example and His model of how we raise kids is, some of those kids, they're not walking with the Lord. They're now adult kids. Or our kids who are now our adults and they're not walking with the Lord and it frightens us. And we imagine, "Man, it's just... For some of us, we just feel hopeless in that moment.

And then to compound the intensity of all of this is that there's simply so much at stake. For their joy, for your joy, for our joy as a church family, for a culture, for the next generation, but even more than all of those things combined is that those kids entrusted to us that are in our home, that are in our neighborhood, that are in our various families and extended family here at our church family, is that those kids were created for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. And so His glory is at stake.

So I want to pray for us as we get started. Okay? Father, I ask, I ask that you would buoy our hope. We know that this is the first day of the rest of our life, and we know that love is powerful. And so we ask, God, that you would move in the hearts of each of us as well as the kids in the room, the kids that are outside of the room, the kids are now adults. I pray, God, that you'd know that for those of us who have tasted that you were good, there are a few things so sweet as seeing our children walk and love you. And as such, there are a few things that are as discouraging and saddening to us as when our kids are not.

And so I ask, God, that you would bring kids back to you. I asked that you would bring wayward kids to you. I asked God that you would reconcile homes and families. I asked that you would take whatever sense of hopelessness we may feel or sense of regret of maybe we may feel over these weeks, and that you would transfer that emotion into hope of what you can do. And that would propel us to create strategies of righteousness, what we should do next. And so we ask God that you would be gracious to us, that you would speak through weakness and glorify Jesus Christ. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

We simply cannot pass what we don't possess. This is what we learn in Deuteronomy 6. Starting in verse one, he says, "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that the Lord, your God commanded me to teach you that you may do them in the land to which you were going over to possess it. That you may fear the Lord, your God, you and your son and your son's son's by keeping all His statutes and his commandments, which I command you all the days of your life. And that your days may be long. Hear therefore, oh Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Here, oh Israel, the Lord, our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord, your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

When Moses was writing, I should say, when he was speaking these words, his audience, they were the new generation of Israel. If you know about the story of the Old Testament that ultimately leads to Jesus Christ is that God took a people, His people called Israel and they moved to Egypt. And over a course of time, they became slaves. And during their slavery, they multiplied greatly in number.

And as they multiplied greatly in number, there came a time when God provided an Exodus. There's a book of the Bible with that name, an Exodus out of Egypt. Everyone that was hearing this for the very first time, they were kids at that moment in time. We know this because the Bible says that God led these people to the border of a land that God promised to them. Sometimes called The Promised Land. And when they got to that border, they rebelled against God. And God in His justice because of their rebellion said, "Everybody who was over the age of 20 will not be able to pass into the promised land. Instead, what we're going to do is you are going to literally wander around the wilderness for 40 years until you're all dead. And your children will enter into the promised land."

Now, Moses, who has led this people for 40 years, everyone has died, and now there's a new generation and they're about pass into the promised land to possess the land that God promised to them. And what Moses is doing in this moment over a three-week period, he's going to provide and give his very last sermons to this next generation. And what they needed in this moment was a recap of the law.

The word "Deuteronomy" literally means second law. It's not that the first one was bad. It's that the new generation didn't know it. And so it was a recapping of the law. It was telling the new generation what God had done and what God had instructed for the people so that they would have something to pass to their children. They would have a worldview, a framework of how you live your life, how you treat people, how you think about the Lord and they needed to hear it themselves.

And what's interesting is as he begins this sermon is, he wants to remind the people of the goodness of God towards those who will yield to Him. And so just notice what he says in verses one, two and three. He says, "Look, God commanded me to teach you." And then five times, he says, "This is the result. This is why." He says, "First that you may do them. Second is that you may fear the Lord, your God, the fear not to sit in a closet, terrified. Although when we have sinned against him, he can be terrifying. It's to respect Him enough and to love Him enough, to defer and show preference to His instructions about life.

It's to honor Him as the creator of all things. He says that you may do these things that I'm going to teach you, that you may fear the Lord, your God, and not only you, but your son and your son son's, or your daughter and your daughter's daughter. It's generational, something to pass. And then notice the blessing, that your days may be long, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly. That God in His grace has always promised good to those who yield to Him.

But one of the things, when I say that, we translate so quickly as that good must come now. And if it is good, it will not hurt at any part of a journey. And that's simply not the reality of what we find in the Bible. Is that if you evaluate God's goodness, when you're in the middle of the chapter or in the middle of the book, where there are moments of loss, discouragement, anxiety, depression, darkness, fear, bereavement, all kinds of things. Sometimes when we're judging the Lord in the middle of the story, we're bad evaluators because we don't see the end.

So when He says to us, and when I'm telling you of what you see throughout the scriptures, and that is that God is absolutely passionate about bringing good to people who will yield to Him is that goodness will be good in the end. But what's interesting is that when we did not do them, His commandments, the Bible calls that sin. And when we sinned against God, it broke fellowship with God and it created within us a heart they couldn't obey the Lord.

And what's amazing is that in that moment of paralysis when we couldn't obey the Lord, when we were sitting underneath the justice and the wrath of the Lord in our sin is that God did something else. He didn't just give us the law and he says here, and all of a sudden we don't do it. And he goes, all right, that's enough of you. No, instead what He did was he added to His generosity by giving us His son, by sending Christ to the earth. He gave Him the name Jesus on the earth. He'd live without sin. He gave perfect obedience to do all of the will. He never sinned.

And yet, He went to a cross and He died for us is buried into grave because that's what you do with a dead person. And then on the third day, He rose from the dead to conquer the grave. And what's amazing about this is really twofold. It shows us that you cannot judge God's desire to bless you in the middle of the story. Because when Jesus was on the earth, he was maligned. He was rejected. He was ridiculed. He was crucified, all kinds of things that if you simply judged God's treatment of his son in the middle of the story, we would think, man, maybe yielding to the Lord. Isn't so good. But it says in Philippians that because he did that,

therefore God gave him the name that is above every name that every tongue is going to confess. Every knee is going to bow.

Everyone's going to confess Jesus Christ, Lord, oh, in the end it is. It's good. But not only that is that. Then he then takes what Jesus did and he presents to us another invitation. And he says, if you will yield to my provision in my son to save you from your sin, I promise you good eternal life. It doesn't mean that all the days in the middle, between where we trust him in, when we end in heaven, that every one of those days is perfect. No it, but you can be a heard that his heart is big with blessing towards people who yield to him. And so what we find is after this promise of blessing is that he imparts just a few instructions specifically to one generation to pass to the next generation. And the first one we see is this, love the Lord, your God, with all of your heart, to love the Lord with all of your heart.

If you stack up this entire series, then if you take notes and you take every single point that I'm going to talk about, you're going to find is that they will grow in what you consider. What I consider normally to be practical, things that we can put our hands to. And you might look at this first when you think, well, that's not all that practical. That's not even about my kids. That's not about kids at all, but I want you to know that is not trivial.

That the most famous and formative passage in the Old Testament and perhaps in the entire, by on raising kids, the one that we just read begins, not with instructing kids and teaching kids and providing for kids and protecting kids. But in loving God, you see there's a reality in the world. And it's, this is that. If you were the one who created life, if you were the one who spoke life into existence and who speaks in order to sustain life, if you were the one who governs all of life, if you were the one who died in order to redeem all of life, if you were the one who was the final judge over all of life, you would be the point of life, but you didn't do those things and either to die.

But there is one who did his name is Christ and he is the point of life. And so if you're wondering, like, what is my aim? Like? What's the ultimate aim. Is it to teach you to teach your kids how to get a lot of money in the earth? No, it's not. Is it to be successful relational? Well, I hope so, but that's not the ultimate end. You see, we can give kids nothing greater than a model and vivid memories of what it looks like to love Jesus Christ, because he is the point of life. All of our money is going to stay here. All of your kids' jobs are going to stay here. All of their diplomas and toys and future cars, it's all going to stay here. And in that moment, the only thing they're going to bring with them to God is what is in their soul, in their heart. In that moment.

That is the moment that you're aiming for as a parent, as a church with the next generation, God help me help them in that moment that they would've leveraged their whole life for Jesus. The trusting him, who is the point of life. And so he talks to us in verse four. It's really beautiful. First we have to know who is this Lord for us to love and verse four, this is, this is the, this is the Jews like primary statement of faith. This is like everything. It's called the Shema. In Hebrew, the word here, like hear oh Israel, it's the word Shema. So

they call it the Shema. This is what it says. Here is here. The Lord, our God, the Lord is won. Now just a few things about this. First of all, in your Bible, you'll notice in think most of our Bibles, the word Lord, it's not going to be all the same height. But if you look at the O and they are, and the D in your Bible, they're all in caps, it's all capitalized.

And there's a reason for that. The Jewish people, they looked at God and they considered the Lord and they believe that to even say his name, certainly there's a commandment. Don't miss don't, don't use the Lord's name in vain. And so maybe to even stay away from that. But also they just had this reverence for the name of God. Well, the name of God in Hebrew is four letters. It's Y-H-W-H. We don't even know how to say it because they wouldn't say it. We assume. Well, like what if we just put an A and an E in between these two consonants, Yahweh. You probably heard the word Yahweh. It's literally a name that a Jewish person will not say, at least at this point in time. And because they didn't say it, they would get there and like, well, what do we do with that?

And so what they started to do was interject another word for God, verse out an eye, and it's the Lord. And so when you see the Lord in your Bible and it in all caps, you don't just look at it and go, oh, he's in charge. He's the master. No, what you also need to read in that is this is that bound up in the Lord himself. And in his name is such nobility and honor that we would want to speak of that name to ourselves and to our kids with great, great respect. This is a name you do not add a word afterward. That sounds like condemnation. You don't stub your toe, voice, his name, and then condemn his name.

He's the Lord to honor him. But not only that, there's another thing within this little verse, which is really a fascinating thing. When it comes to, how do we learn to love the Lord with all heart, soul, mind, and strength. And this is what it is. Okay. The word Lord, the tense of that word is singular. Like one, okay. And it's emphasized. And that at the end, they go, the Lord is one. It's like, the Lord is singular. And there's only one of them it's one. And yet the word God is in a plural tense. And what we find throughout the scriptures is evidence of this repeatedly. You turn to the first chapter of the Bible and God is going to create humanity. And do you know what it says there? It says this. It says that God said, let us.

That's plural make man in our plural image, after our likeness is plural. And then it says in the image of God, he singular created him, male and female. He created them. You're going to find references like this throughout the Bible. Jesus gave a little bit more clarity when he says, go into all the world, make of all nations, baptizing them, not just in the name of God, but who in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit. In other words, the Bible teaches that there is one God and that one God manifests or reveals himself and three distinct persons, the father of the son and the holy spirit. And this is who we are to love.

One of the greatest gifts you can give is to look at God, the father, and have a love for him. The one who loves you, the one who sent his son for you, the one who orchestrates according to his will, his sovereign determinations of life in order to bring us to him in the end to love, love him, to love Jesus. The son of God, who came

for us, who died for us, sacrificed for us, who rose from the dead for us, who extends to us an invitation. If we believe in him, what we forgiven of our sin and to love the holy spirit, that when we trust Jesus Christ, the holy spirit comes and lives without our heart to awaken our heart it and teaches us the truth and convict us of sin and to bring us close and to keep us close to him, to love God, one, God manifested father, son, and spirit.

Now, how, how are we supposed to love him? This is what he says. Love the Lord you got with all of your heart. That's the center of who you are. It's not just the beating thing that moves blood around your body. It's your internal operating system. It's, it's your motives, your inclinations, your mind, your thoughts. It's all wrapped up in the word, heart and your soul. This is your emotional capacity. This is your zeal. And then he says, and also your might, it's really fascinating that in Hebrew, this word is typically translated as an adverb, as very, he ran very fast, right? To tell us how he ran, how fast was it? It was very fast, but it would be really weird to translate this. Love the Lord you got with all of your heart, your soul and your very, it doesn't work.

And the reason is because it's written as a noun, not as an adverb, but it's still how it's translated. It means your umph, your energy, your strength, when you put your hands to whether it's, whether it's your work or your marriage or your parenting or yard work or whatever it is that we're, that we're directing our attention, everything to the love of God, to love him. And the reason this is so important is because love dictates the direction of our life. Even more than knowing what is right and wrong. That's why you go to a restaurant and you know, right. You know that a super food salad is probably better than the cheesecake. And yet you love the cheesecake. All of us, we do what we, he love.

And so he says, love, love me, even your kids. Like, isn't it amazing. Like you look at your kids and there's certain parts of who they are. And they are as determined and defined and organized in that space. They know everything about it. They can talk about that. They know where every piece of where that's a toy or whatever it is. It's like, that is my thing. And the rest of life is just like total chaos. But that, why, why is that? It's because love it's love. And so you have to ask the question, well, how can he command? Love, love the Lord, your God, how you command love. The only way you can command love is to see love as the Bible sees love. And that is that it's primarily a verb, but not a noun. What does that mean? What America love is a noun, which means we treat it like a barrel.

I fell into love. Now I'm in the barrel. Then they mistreated me. They spoke bad about me. I don't really like they, they don't, they don't do it for me anymore. And so, and so now I fell out of love. So like, how can you command somebody to feel he's not, he's commanding you to treat him in a certain way. A verb. Paul tells us what is love. Love is patient and kind are verbs. Love does not envy or both. It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist in its own way. It's not irritable or resentful. It doesn't rejoice. It wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love, bears. All things believes, all things, hopes, all things, endures, all things. This is how we love God. You're like, what do you mean? This is how we love. God, watch love is patient. So you're in the middle of God's plan for your life. And some of you are judging his character and his nobility and his goodness in the middle of the chapter. Instead of the end of it, you're not patient with him.

Love says I'm going to be patient with him. Love is what's another one. Let's just use this one. Rude love is not rude. How do you talk to the Lord when you're mad at him? How do you talk about him? When you're mad at him? Is, is there rudeness? That's not how you love somebody. It's not no. And so what we're doing irritable, that's an interesting one. Or how about this one does not insist on its own way. God, I want this love says, God, I am going to defer to your will over my will. Love believes all hopes, bears, endures, all things. God, I'm going to be patient with you because I love you. I'm going to believe I'm going to believe your promises because I love you. I'm going to hope. It seems like there's no hope whatsoever. And yet I'm going to put my hope in you until I, well, I'm just going to keep and I'm going to endure.

I'm going to keep enduring with you. You treat somebody like this and you typically have a good relationship with them, including the Lord, your God, you see, when we love like this, the Lord, he pours this special kind of fuel into our heart. That allows us to love others, including our kids. And so let me encourage you to be intentional, to grow in your love for the Lord. Not only for your kids first, you need this. You need to love the Lord. You're God. Joy is found in him. Fullness is found in Christ. And so I urge you to grow wherever your love is with the Lord to say, God, I want my love to, for you to grow even more so for your own benefit.

But also because we pass what we love. If you love a sport, you typically try to pass that sport to somebody else. If you love a team, you try to pass that team. If you love a particular kind of hatred, what, what do you mean? Some people? And it sounds weird to say they love to hate someone whose skin color looks different than theirs. They love to hate a political party. They love to hate another basketball team.

Well, if you love something you will seek to pass that love to someone else. Here's the deal. If we try to pass faith or morality without a love for God, what happens is we inadvertently put a huge hurdle in the path of our kid. It's called religion. That divides what they hear from us, from what they see from us. And it is really confusing. Kids know what we love. If you don't believe that, just ask him. I did one time. I sat down one of my sons. He was like this, I don't know how old he was. He was about this old sat down. I still remember like leaning against the wall in his bedroom. And I said, son, let me just ask you a question. I said, there's no wrong answer here. I said, if you had to guess the three things in the entire world that your dad loves the most, what do you think you would be? That's what he said. He said, well, anyway, pretty small. And he goes, I'm going to go with God, your family and the front lawn. It's good.

So I pressed down a little bit. I said, what do you mean the front lawn? He goes, well, that's what you do on your day off. I get it. Okay. All right. So this house, we now have a house without a stitch of grass. I just kill it. All right. That's not the point, but they know what we love. So how do we grow to love the Lord in the book of revelation says you have abandoned. The love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you fall and repented do the works you did at first, right before you get it to verse four and verse two and three, this is what he does. He, he comes to the people and he goes, look, I know you're just like killing it in life. I mean, you're just like rock stars. I mean, you got great theology and great teaching and you're serving well and you're resisting bad things. Well, you're just doing great as a church, but here's the problem I have with

you. You don't love me anymore.

Let me just encourage those of your parents. So you're just killing it. I mean, you provided, them all kinds of opportunities, all kinds of educational advancement, all kinds of wealth and provision. I mean, you just bought him a new car. You got everything. Here's the thing. Are you passing first and foremost, this dominant love for Jesus Christ. What you'll find is this it, when you love God in action, we come to feel love as affection. You love God as a verb and you'll come to love God. As a noun. Second thing he teaches us is that we should store God's word in our heart. Because when you love someone, you care about what they say. When you love God with all of your heart, soul, mind, strength, all of who you are. He talks, it matters what he says to you. You don't want to just fall to the ground. Want to treasure those things.

When our kids in particular ones who don't live in our house, we don't talk to them every day when they call, it becomes important. When you see their name on the phone. So he says in verse six, these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You got to put them in your heart, verse eight. He says, and you shall bind them as a son in your hand. And they shall be as front list between your eyes. Now, many Jews, you know, take this. Literally, when it comes to times of prayer, the Orthodox Jews will put a box. It's called a ful. It's a little leather box. And it contains little scrolls of scripture that talk about putting God's word in your heart. And this is how they pray. You remember Jesus and Matthew 23. He says, whoa, those of you who are fair, he goes, because all you're trying to do is to have a bigger ful than the guy next to you.

In other words, that's not the point. The point is not to put it on your forehead. The point the point is to have scripture in front of you and on your hand, what does that mean? It means that as you walk is that the word of God gives to erection to your eyes, to your worldview and to your actions, how you treat people that his word becomes the governing influence the authority of your life. And then he says, and you shall write them on the doorpost of your house and on your gates. This is so important. What he's talking about here is literally is what spills into the heart spills into the home. What spills into the home spills into the community. That is so confused. It's moving out from the heart. It's like concentric circles that just continue to move out. Of course, you know that Jewish homes today, they put a little cylinder, it's called a mezuzah on a doorpost when they come home and when they go out, they'll kiss two fingers and rub it down and just, just, just kind of rub it, put it on there.

It's just showing preference. But you can do that without, without ever even thinking of God's word. What he really wanted is for his words to govern our going and our coming, that they would be the influence over our life. The fact is nobody can give what they don't have. We know this supermarkets were like, we want toilet paper and we don't have any toilet paper. We want bread. We don't have any, when there's supply chain or problems, like it's a problem for everybody. And when there is a supply chain, problem of truth from God's word in the church or in the home, it's problematic for kids when they have questions.

And so let me encourage us as a church and as parents and his uncles and aunts is to think of your mind, storing up. We want to look like this. We're ready for you. You got things you want to talk about. There's things that I've read about. So let me encourage us to devote time to study in God's word. It is an absolute gift to show kids that we have a good king who speaks good words that we might flourish. You see there's an old parable that says one generation plants, the trees and the next generation enjoys the shade. There is no guarantee that your kids will live and choose that shade when they grow up. But what a gift to be, to give to yourself and to them, the last thing he tells us is to teach the next generation all your days to teach the next generation.

This is verse seven. You see, when you love God and you know some of his word, you now have a Baton that's worthy of passing verse. Evan says you shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house. And when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise, what he's saying is this, any moment can become a teaching moment. Mealtime, drive time, bedtime, anytime, anytime, but also not only not unplanned moments where we're just constantly trying to teach and connect life experiences to what God's word says. But also those planned moments and planned moments, you can see it's inferred. By these words, you shall teach them diligently to have time scheduled, whether it was at mealtime or at bedtime or at breakfast time. When you, when you gather and you say, Hey, let's just read a verse.

Maybe it's just a verse. Just one. What do you think about this? You're trying to impart God's word to your family. We have put as a church family, because we want to partner. We want to partner with the home. We've put together a number of resources. If you just, if you care about this and I hope you do, you can go to pray out of work slash kids. You just scroll through there. And there's literally all kinds of resources. How, how do you talk about the Bible with your kids? All kinds of books, all kinds of brief articles, all kinds of little instructions on how do you talk about baptism? When do you, when should your kids be in the service? When should they take the Lord supper? We want to be able to help. We want to behold the support because there is this beautiful partnership and some of you like, you know what?

I don't even have kids at home. You attend to church with 700 of them, which is why on this link. There's also a place that says that I want to be able to participate. There's a volunteer is a, is a, when I say a gopher, like all, go get it for you. Like or as a teacher to say, I want to teach, I want to impart what God has given me to others. We need your help. And next week we're going to zoom in really intentionally on what do we instruct and how, and how do we discipline when there is sort of a violation of God's word God's ways.

And we're going to look at it in a kid's life as they move through the years, right? Because how you teach and discipline a two year old is different than a 12 year old. So that's what we're going to look at next week. But before we close, I just want to have one quick word. And it's really quick to those who feel like it's too late. It's not too late. God can rescue your child, your nephew, your niece, your grandchild. The love for God is so powerful and it is so resilient and so noticeable. And I promise you this, your kids are not done looking. So

learn even more to love.

Let me pray for us. Father in heaven, we bow before you and we desire to live life the way they would honor you. We know that kids, oh, they need love. We know they need the truth. That we know they need an example. And yet God, we also know that without our ability to receive your love, that we don't have that love to give.



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