

Parenting (school age K-4th Grade)

Raise your hand if you have one child, two or three or more? Now pinch yourself or your spouse and remember how blessed you are! I love love being a parent and I know you do too!

Dad's (and Mom) be present!

Exodus 3:4 God got Moses's attention, called by name and gave him confidence.

Dad's are you present, do you have their attention and are you speaking their name?

(God will bless the little things: donuts with Dad and being stuck in traffic making silly jokes)

Mt 6:9 If Jesus teaches us to see God as a father, then it must be a big deal to be one!

Don't let career, hobbies, or church be an excuse to not have a pulse on your family!

In spiritual training Dad's you set the tone in how you "seek first" and "do not worry"

It is BOTH quality and quantity time for your family to feel loved and inspired.

Great examples in this church!!! Englehearts family sharing, Emily Butler's baptism!

Dad, Three Things that will give you super powers:

Have a QT everyday!

Be close to the brothers!

Ask your wife lots of questions about the spiritual, emotional and physical needs?

Remember you love your child more than anyone on the face of the earth so you don't have to be perfect but be present! It is way better to make tons of mistakes rather than checking out.

I blew it a bunch of times but I tried to be present!

(Spring break always brought out my sinful nature 4:30? and Boy Scouts fewest badges and blown popcorn sales?)

Two are better than one especially in parenting!

Ecc.4:9 But three is better, so how do we keep God involved in our marriage and parenting?

Eph 5:23 We have the perfect vision right? Husband is the head of wife as Christ.... But when life hits?

(Wife and kids driving when the car catches on fire and then they get out and explodes!)

Be unified first, then divide and conquer!

But don't blame each other when things get tense and your attitudes and temptations flare!

John 8:44 Blame Satan he is the bad guy not each other!!!!!!!!!! This is my precious wife why all of a sudden are you fighting?

(Our fist fight going to the Nut Cracker super special date? Carolyn making Ginger Bread houses stressing our family out! Me I just wanting to go fishing so now I am a bad guy?)

When is the bad time of the day for you, nap time, meal time or bed time?

For me it was dinner time, I would just be tempted to get super irritated if the food wasn't right! Mike how stupid chill out!

We had to learn to divide and conquer! She helped with homework and I worked in the kitchen.

How are we ever going to learn this stuff? Take advantage of everything the church offers!

I know it is sacrifice at times but it is worth it! Just listen to your kids stories of camp? I see you guys on Sundays, I am so proud of your example and more importantly, your kids see it and will imitate it!

The window of time to influence your kids is closing!

Be an expert on your child's personality, sinful nature and love language!

A picture is worth a thousand words, so make your home life the most powerful sermon your kids will ever hear!

Remember you will always be there parent, but it is a lot more fun when you're an empty nester!

Topic	Scripture
At this moment, my main parenting concern is...	
<p>Grace: Parenting is hard work so be gentle with yourself because God is gentle with you!</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:11 <i>"...he gently leads those that have young."</i></p>
<p>Grace changes the pace! When are we less gentle with ourselves? When we are trying to do too much too quickly.</p> <p>No grace =wrong pace</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p><i>Genesis 33:13-15</i> <i>"So my lord go on ahead of his servant while I move along slowly at the pace of the flocks and the herds before me and the pace of the children."</i></p>
<p>Guard: From the get go, guard your time with God and your time with your spouse.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p><i>Mathew 6:33</i> <i>"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness"</i></p>
<p>Growth: When I'm over correcting, I'm undertraining.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p><i>1 Peter 1:14</i> <i>"As obedient children do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance."</i></p>
<p>Get help! Use 252 Basics</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>The focus for spiritual growth for April was....</p>
<p>Get help! Use literature for family read aloud.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p><u>Rules of Civility</u> Richard Brookhiser <u>The 7 Habits of Happy Kids</u> Sean Covey</p>