



## Part 3: 5 Things Every Parent Should Know & Do

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### INTRODUCTION

Effective parenting isn't about knowing important things *about* parenting but believing and acting on them – even if they make us uncomfortable or require us to do some hard work on ourselves.

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### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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1. What stood out to you the most from this message – whether you're a parent or not? Was there anything challenging, encouraging, or that you disagreed with?
2. How do you see this statement – *The quality of your relationship determines the weight of your influence* – hold true in your life?
3. When you think of your children/the next generation, do you tend to think you know what it's like or are you curious about the world they face?
4. Our culture tends to prioritize kids above all else, sometimes at the expense of our other relationships. How do you feel about that? Has that impacted the way you parent or do life with your spouse/friends?
5. Why is it so easy to praise and criticize performance in our children/the next generation? What would it look like to emphasize *who they are* rather than *what they do*?
6. Did your parents lean in or disengage as you got older? Why do you think older seasons of life can be more challenging to continue investing in our children's lives?

### THIS WEEK

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Spend some time thinking about these five things and ask God which one you may need to internalize/believe so that you can continue to grow and develop the relationship you have with your children. Remember, it's never too late!

"And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7