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course correction

"When I get off track, God offers me a path of healing."

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How to Use this Resource

It's as easy as 1 ... 2 ... 3 ...

1 Start by deciding on a day and time that works well for your entire family. It can be an evening, afternoon, or morning. Just commit to building this time into your family's natural rhythm. (It's usually best to build this time around a meal!)

2 Look through the HomeFront Monthly and see what stands out. Choose one or two experiences that you would like to incorporate into your family times this week. Don't feel burdened to complete all the activities at once, but carefully select which ones will fit your family best. Each month's issue provides more than enough experiences to last you throughout the month.

3 Remember to **HAVE FUN!** Strive to make each gathering unique to your own family as you enjoy spending time with God and each other.



Editor's Note

Let's face it ... none of us really like to be corrected, especially when being corrected involves a season of pain. We would all like to make the right decisions the first time around and live in an environment that is filled with joy and easy living.

However, when we truly look at the environment of COURSE CORRECTION we realize it is an environment filled with grace, mercy, and, yes, even joy. To grasp the fact that we have a heavenly Father who loves us as His own sons and daughters and disciplines us only because He loves us is amazing and overwhelming. He doesn't just discipline us and walk away, He takes the time to lift us up and get us back on the right path. He makes something beautiful out of the messes we create. I don't know about you, but for me that is true joy!

I hope you and your family will be filled with joy as you use this month's issue of HomeFront to discover all the ways God loves us and wants to restore us. ☺

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ENVIRONMENT

COURSE CORRECTION

This environment flows out of Hebrews 12:11–13 and is the direct opposite of punishment. Instead, biblical discipline encompasses: a season of pain, a building up in love, and a vision for a corrected path for the individual with the purpose of healing at its core.

This month we are looking at the environment of COURSE CORRECTION. Most people might think this sounds like a painful process. The truth is, it can be! When we find ourselves “off course” in life, sometimes just the realization that we are wrong can be painful. Sometimes the consequences of our decisions can be painful. However, God has a way of using our mistakes and missteps to make us beautiful and powerful examples of His love in our lives. I pray your family will experience the beautiful healing and restoration that God brings to His children. ☺



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VERSE OF THE MONTH

Memorizing Scripture can be an incredible practice to engage in as a family. But words in and of themselves will not necessarily transform us; it is God's Spirit in these words that transforms. We come to know God more when we are willing to open our hearts and receive what His Holy Spirit wants to teach us through the words we memorize. Have fun with these verses and think of creative ways to invite your family to open up to God as they commit these verses to memory.

“O LORD my God, I called to you
for help and you healed me.”

Psalm 30:2 (NIV)

“You always show me the path
that leads to life.”

Psalm 16:11a (NIV)

FAMILY FOOD TIME

Recipe: Chicken Soup

When I was growing up, my grandmother always said, “Chicken soup is good for what ails you.” Interestingly enough, scientific evidence supports what my dear old grandmother used to say. Several medical experts have proven that old-fashioned chicken soup actually has healing properties and speeds up the path to recovery.



Chicken soup (SERVES 6-8)

Prep Time: 20 min. Cook Time: 30-40 min.

Ingredients

- 1 (3 lbs.) whole chicken
- 4 carrots, halved
- 4 stalk celery, halved
- 1 large onion, halved
- 1 16 oz. chicken stock/broth
- water to cover
- salt and pepper to taste
- egg noodles (optional)

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Directions

- Put the chicken, carrots, celery, onion, and broth into a large soup pot, and cover with cold water.
- Heat to boiling then simmer, uncovered, until the chicken meat falls off the bone.
- Take everything out of the pot, and strain the broth.
- Pick the meat off the bone, and chop the carrots, celery, and onion.
- Season the broth with salt and pepper to taste if desired.
- Return all to the pot, bring back to a boil, and add the egg noodles. Serve when noodles are tender.

Add a salad and some rolls, and you have a great meal! 🍴

FAMILY FOOD TIME

Conversation Starters: A Time for Sharing

Dinnertime can be one of the best times to catch up on one another's day. Many times the spontaneous conversations around a dinner table provide a perfect opportunity to get a glimpse into each other's world. Here is a suggestion on how to get kids talking.

Peak and Pit

Pose this question to your family, and let everyone offer an answer: *What was the **PEAK** (best part) and **PIT** (worst part) of your day today?* Have the kids respond first; then the adults. Discuss your answers together. Use your child's "**PIT**" answer as a connection point to discover where they might be feeling pain, then help guide them to a corrected path. 🗨️

GET
KIDS
TALK-
ING!

GAME TIME

YOUNGER KIDS

Simon Says

One of the most important ways to stay on the right path and to avoid seasons of pain is to hear and recognize God's voice. Jesus said in John 10:27, *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

Both the younger and older games this month can be a fun way of getting your children to listen and follow directions. Talk with your children after you play the games, and remind them how God gives us clear directions on how we should live our lives. **Emphasize how much He loves us and wants us to listen to Him and follow His directions.**

Choose one person from your family to be 'Simon.' Have the rest of your family stand in a line facing Simon. Then Simon calls out instructions like this, "Simon says, touch your nose." Everyone has to touch their noses. "Simon says, jump up and down." Everyone has to jump up and down. Be creative with your instructions.

If Simon calls out an instruction without saying "Simon says ...," then everyone should ignore the instruction. If you don't follow a "Simon says ..." instruction, you are out. If you do follow an instruction that doesn't begin with "Simon says ...," you are also out.

This is a twist on an average obstacle

VARIATIONS

- 1. Play Simon Says while cleaning up from dinner.** "Simon says, clear the plates from the table"; "Simon says, put the silverware in the dishwasher"; etc.
- 2. Play Simon Says during bath time.** "Simon says, wash your feet"; "Simon says, clean your face"; etc. 🛁

Simon says,
"Clean your
room!"

Simon says,
"Jump on one
foot!"

Simon says,
"Touch your
nose!"

GAME TIME

OLDER KIDS

Blind Obstacle Course

course. You and your children will traverse the course blindfolded, while listening to the directions of other family members as they guide you.

The obstacle course can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. While setting up your obstacle course, keep in mind different movements such as hopping, jumping, crawling, walking, etc., that can be incorporated into the course activity. Six to eight obstacles are good enough to have a challenging course.

Now decide what you want your family's course to look like. Will it be easy or hard? What materials will you use? How much space do you have? What will be safe obstacles to have in place while blindfolded? Choose which objects you want to include in the course. Make sure they are safe.

After you have set up the course, decide who will go first. Place a blindfold on the family member whom you have chosen. Have him begin the course and listen for each direction from other family members: "Take two steps forward"; "Step high with your left foot"; "Jump over what is in front of you"; etc.

When everyone has completed the course, talk about how it felt to listen for directions.

Share together about how it felt when you got off course and how important it was to listen to get back on course. 🗣️

Sample Course Ideas

- Crawl under a **table or broom** hung between two chairs.
- Hop through **hula hoops** set on the ground.
- Jump or climb over stacks of **pillows or books**.
- Step over an obstacle such as a **yardstick** between two **chairs** at knee height.
- Walk across a **balance beam** (4" x 4" board).
- Weave in and out of poles made with **PVC pipe** and inserted in **sand buckets**.
- Squeeze through **two objects** placed closely together so you are forced to walk sideways.
- Carry an object on a spoon (**water balloon** outdoors, **small ball** indoors).
- Jump or skip five times with **jump rope**.
- Bounce or dribble a **ball** to next station (at least five times).

STORYTELLING

AN EXCERPT FROM *SPIRITUAL PARENTING* BY MICHELLE ANTHONY © DAVID C. COOK

A Story of Course Correction: My daughter loves to surf. When she was sixteen she went to the surf shop one day to check out selling her board on consignment in order to upgrade to a better one.

One of the salesmen started talking to her about a custom-made surfboard. He detailed the intricate options. Her excitement built. He said, "I can do it myself, and I'll do it for you at cost—so just tell me, how would you dream it?" Never once did he mention the price, and apparently she didn't ask. Since she had a surfboard, he put it on consignment to use toward the cost, mentioning that the balance should be very little.

In the weeks that passed, this custom board was being made, and the bill was getting higher and higher. She didn't bring her father or me into this conversation. Then one day my daughter and I were getting manicures, and I noticed a look of terror on her face when the phone rang. Her answer was an awkward interchange, and then she hung up. I asked, "Who was that?" With that, she burst into tears.

She told me how the salesman at the surf shop had been badgering her daily because she owed him a lot of money for a surfboard that she had ordered. I asked, "What do you mean you ordered a surfboard?" She told me the whole story. "How much do you owe him?" I asked. She looked at the ground and said, "Well, I, uh, I owe him a thousand dollars." What! One thousand dollars? How did this happen? She had a job working ten hours a week making minimum wage. I did the math, thinking how many years it would take for us to arrive at "healing."

I prayed in that moment that God would direct my words, and thankfully we had a great conversation. It was a poignant reminder of what happens when we fail. We really have two options, both as children to our parents and also with God: We can either run to our father (or mother) and confess everything, or we can hide. And how we respond to our children has a direct impact on their understanding of whether they can run to us because they know we will help them receive healing, or whether they will hide out of shame and guilt.

I wanted to do the shocked-and-appalled response, but instead I had learned to take a moment—because spiritual parenting reminds us to take a moment to pray. So I responded by commenting that, indeed, it was a lot of money, and then I asked her what her plan was to pay for it. I quickly realized that there was no plan as she sat there sobbing. So we went to work on a plan, together.

Natural Consequences

[Hebrews 12:11-13 outlines a three-step process of course correction: 1) pain, 2) building up in love, and 3) a corrected path for the goal of healing.] Sometimes in course correction, pain is obvious. It's the natural consequence. I love it when pain is the natural consequence, because I don't have to think of some clever thing that seems totally detached. In this case, the natural pain was that after her father and I had paid for the board, she would not be able to surf on it until it was paid for. The second natural pain was that



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she had to pay us back. So first she needed another job, and between the two jobs I would receive three-fourths of all of her income. That's natural pain. So week after week she was being trained by natural pain.

As we moved from pain, we also sat down with her to tell her how much we loved her—to *build her up in love*. We told her that we understood how what she did could have happened and that we were going to support her through this. We encouraged her. Then we marked out the days on the calendar until we knew her debt would be paid.

Next, we wanted to give her a *straight path*. We told her that next time when she was tempted to buy something, she should simply ask how much it cost. Further, we instructed her to invite her father and me into the conversation. We affirmed that everybody makes mistakes and that this was a great opportunity to learn. Ultimately, God was using this situation for healing in her life.

Prior to this event, my daughter wasn't a good manager of her money—at all. Yet now, as she is off at college I see her system of living out of cash envelopes and how she chooses to live below her means in order to be generous with others! I am so proud of her, and I am so thankful to God. He brought healing to her life in an area that will affect many important decisions in the years to come.

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TIME TO CELEBRATE!

One day, she finally made her last payment to us, and that's when the celebration broke out. We got out the surfboard. We oohed and ahed, and she surfed on it for the first time. It was hers—she had earned it. It was her senior year at this point, and so we decided to have her senior photos taken with her board! We hoped that she would forever look at this picture and remember her healing process.

This surfboard has become an icon for financial healing in my daughter's life. It was even designed with a peace symbol on it, which ironically is exactly what God promises will belong to those who have been healed. When I look at it, I think, “God, You are so good,” because I'm aware of how many of us struggle with finances and spending habits as adults. When I look back, it could have been so much different. If we had responded with the wrath-of-God kind of punishment, telling her she would never have that board and shaming her, then we might not have ever gotten to the root of the problem. And the root of the problem was that her eyes were bigger than her financial means and she wanted instant gratification.

Today as you listen to God about the issues deep in your children's hearts, make yourself available to the wisdom in Hebrews 12:11–13.

Seek a child-specific pain, build your child up in love and affirmation, and then set forth a straight path for them to walk in. When you do these things, watch for the fruit of righteousness and peace. It doesn't happen overnight, but as you train your children in this environment, God will be faithful to bring healing to their souls. ☺

GOD'S WORD

AN EXCERPT FROM SPIRITUAL PARENTING BY MICHELLE ANTHONY ©DAVID C. COOK

As parents, the discipline of our children is probably one of the most time and energy intensive aspects of our daily lives. How do we discipline our children, and how does that discipline reflect who God is?

The answers to these questions make the role of parenting something we can't take lightly! Often our desperation can drive us to seek any book, person, or strategy that might bring clarity on how to conquer this grand assignment. This task of biblical discipline can be exhausting and bring even the most dedicated of parents to their knees—which, ironically, is the first place that a spiritual parent needs to begin. Instead of relying on our own wisdom and strength, or giving up altogether, we must first come to Jesus and ask Him, "How would you like me to bring correction to this child you have given me?" In this act of surrender, we are ready to understand what God desires for us most in course correction.

The author of Hebrews explains how course correction works:

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed" (Hebrews 12:11–13).

If only pain and punishment follow my wrong actions, then it doesn't take me long to create a backup plan. Some children (and adults) decide that doing the deed is not worth the consequence, and they may stop the sin or action from a place of willpower. They try harder to not sin or mess up, and life becomes a journey of what Dallas Willard calls "sin management." The

problem with this approach is that the root issue remains unchanged in the person. It's not given the opportunity to come into the light and receive restoration. As children grow into adults, they become more and more aware of their depravity, and sin management can become a full-time job!

[We also have to look at the next two verses which explain the "strengthening" aspect of discipline ... which is to build up our children in love. We encourage them and affirm our love for them even in their misdeeds or sins. Next we "make a level path," setting a straight course for them to follow the next time. ***As we practice all three stages: pain, building up in love, and setting a corrected path, we demonstrate God's intent for spiritual discipline which has at its heart ... healing!***]

The end goal for us as parents is to conduct God's discipline in our children's lives in such a way that they experience healing from their sin. If we can embrace this reality in our homes, then our children, through Christ, will ultimately experience spiritual healing.

HEAR IT

Read together with your children Hebrews 12:1–13. After reading this passage of Scripture, discuss with your children what they think discipline is. Ask them, "Who usually disciplines you?" Then talk with them about why God disciplines us. Share with them how God sees us as His own sons and daughters. Remind them that God loves us so much, His goal for us is to stay on the right path.

DO IT

Pray together thanking God that He loves us as His sons and daughters. The worship portion of this HomeFront will walk you through a tangible way your family can worship God for the amazing way He loves us. ☺

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WORSHIP

Restored Vessels

We often think of worship as only singing, but we can worship God in many different ways: prayer, silence, art, dance, giving, sharing, and thanksgiving, just to name a few. Make plans for your family worship time, but prepare yourself to hold these plans loosely if the Holy Spirit leads you in a different direction.

In the environment of COURSE CORRECTION, we recognize that we are broken people and are thankful we serve a God who doesn't leave us broken. God, in His amazing love for us, heals and restores us.

SUPPLIES

- terra-cotta pot (medium size, available in most garden centers)
- craft glue
- markers
- hammer

Put on your favorite worship CD, and have your family sit in a circle with the terra-cotta pot, markers, glue, and hammer. Have an adult gently tap the pot until it cracks and breaks into several pieces. Hand a piece of the broken pot to each family member,

and have them write their name on the outside of the piece they have received. For younger children, have them draw a picture of themselves. Using the craft glue, begin, together, reassembling the pot with each family member's name or picture facing outward. As each family member contributes their piece of the pot with their name on it, have them declare a name that represents God to them; *Provider, Creator, Healer*, etc. Do your best to completely reassemble the pot.

Put the pot in a place of prominence in your home. ***Allow this restored pot to serve as a reminder that we are broken people that need to be restored, and we serve a God who desires healing and restoration in our lives.*** ☺

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PRAYER

The environment of COURSE CORRECTION offers healing as its goal. I don't know about you, but I often find myself wanting to skip straight to the healing, when I've gotten off track, and bypass the season of pain that this environment also includes.

Many of us would rather avoid the experience of openly admitting our sin to God and to others—of letting people into our struggle. But when we do, God and our faith community are there to build us up in love. God wants to embrace you and walk with you toward a corrected path.

Begin to foster an atmosphere of openness with God and others in your own family and faith community. Take an evening this month to gather as a family for a time of prayerful confession. ***Tell your family that tonight you are going to spend some time confessing sins to God and praying for each other as you confess.*** You may want to remind your children that they are not going to get in trouble for what they confess and that you will not be angry with them. ***Open your time in prayer by asking God to create an atmosphere of love and openness.***

Begin by having each person confess, out loud, an area of sin he is struggling with right now. Make sure a parent goes first to model openness and vulnerability. Be age appropriate with your children, but share a sin that you are currently struggling with (as opposed to something from the past that has already been dealt with). Maybe you are feeling jealous of a friend or struggling with anger ... just share from where you are right now. It is important for your children to see that you still struggle; this will remind them that they do not have to be perfect and that it is okay for them to struggle as well.

Once someone has shared, encourage her to pray a simple prayer and confess that sin to God, then have a few family members pray for her to experience God's healing and forgiveness in this area of her life. Continue this until everyone has had a chance to share and be prayed for.

AS A WAY OF CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF CONFESSION IN YOUR FAMILY, **YOU MAY WANT TO GATHER TOGETHER A FEW WEEKS AFTER YOUR FIRST CONFESSION TIME AND SIMPLY DO A CHECK IN.** ASK EVERYONE HOW THEY ARE DOING IN THE AREAS YOU TALKED ABOUT. WHAT HAS GOD DONE? WHERE ARE THINGS STILL FEELING HARD? DO THEY WANT TO BE PRAYED FOR AGAIN?

When you are finished, remind your family that God's course correction is a process. He wants to forgive and heal us, but sometimes this healing can take a while. It is okay if they continue to struggle, the important thing is that they continue to invite God and others into their struggle. ☺

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TRADITIONS

Healing Box

It's really interesting to talk with friends and neighbors about family traditions. Some traditions are very meaningful and hold a high value for families, while others are just plain fun.



A tradition is the handing down of statements, beliefs, stories, or customs from generation to generation. What traditions are in place for your family? What would you like to pass down to the next generation? It's always fun to create new traditions with each generation, here is one we think will be a hit.

When we are sick or get hurt, we are in need of mending or being restored. Together as a family, create a "Healing Box" out of a shoebox by filling it with things you love and that bring you comfort. Each time someone in your family gets sick or injured, grab the Healing Box and use the items inside to help speed up the healing process and quickly get them back on the right path.

Encourage your family to be creative about decorating the outside of the shoebox. While decorating, be sure to incorporate God's Word by adding **Jeremiah 17:14**, "Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." And **Psalms 16:11a** (NIRV), "You always show me the path that leads to life."

"WHAT TRADITIONS ARE IN PLACE FOR YOUR FAMILY? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PASS DOWN TO THE NEXT GENERATION?"

Suggestions for the Box

Adhesive bandages, tissues, thermometer, lollipops, cozy socks or slippers, crossword puzzle, a favorite family movie, gauze, coloring book, crayons, cotton balls, antibiotic ointment, etc.

On the inside lid of the "Healing Box," write a note to remember to pray for the person who is sick or injured. This will always serve as a reminder that God is the true Healer, and He desires for us to be completely restored. ●



**Jer. 17:14
and
Ps. 16:11a**

CREATE

Board Game



What You Need

- poster board
- markers
- clay
- 3" x 5" index cards

Take the index cards and cut them in half. Write **DETOUR** on half of them and **MOVE AHEAD** on the other half.

Ask your children: **What types of things does God do to lead us toward Him? What types of choices, thoughts, worries, etc., lead us away from Him? What is good about the things God does to lead us toward Him?**

Help them think through these questions, and write down their answers. Help them to know God wants to lead them into a new life where they are close to Him, and away from a life in which they are far from Him.

After you have talked through this together as a family, show them the poster board and outline a path toward God. Use an example of a common board game to help them picture what the path to God might look like. Hand out the DETOUR and MOVE AHEAD cards, as well as the clay, which will represent obstacles.

Help the kids be creative when making obstacles from the clay, writing on the obstacles, and the DETOUR cards choices that lead us away from God. Have them write on the MOVE AHEAD cards the things that God does that lead us to Him. Draw paths onto the map that veer from God, through swamps, thorn bushes, or other obstacles, and label these things, as well. Be creative! Play the game together as a family, and have fun! ☺

For Younger Kids

Ask them: What are some ways God leads us to Him?

Help them think through the questions, and write down their answers. Then encourage them to write or draw some of the ways God leads us to Him. Write these things on the path toward God.

MARRIAGE

I remember the day of my wedding like it was yesterday. My soon-to-be wife looked absolutely beautiful. We stood together under a cloudless blue sky, on a grassy hill, overlooking the ocean below, and I felt like I was the luckiest man alive.

We spoke our wedding vows ... “to have and to hold, for better or worse, richer or poorer, to love and cherish, from this day forward, until death do us part.” Then I leaned in and kissed my bride, and I knew I was the luckiest man alive.

I wish I could say every day since then I have acted in a manner consistent with my vows to “love and cherish” my wife. That would be a great story to share with you, but it would not be true. Whether it is an issue worthy of serious consideration, such as how we spend our money, how we raise our kids, or an issue of somewhat less substance and gravity, like who gets to control the TV remote or who decides the best freeway route to reach our destination, I often insist on having things my way. These are the times when my wife and I experience

a sense of distance and division, a season of pain, and no matter how hard I try to be a good husband, I still keep wandering off the path God has designed for me.

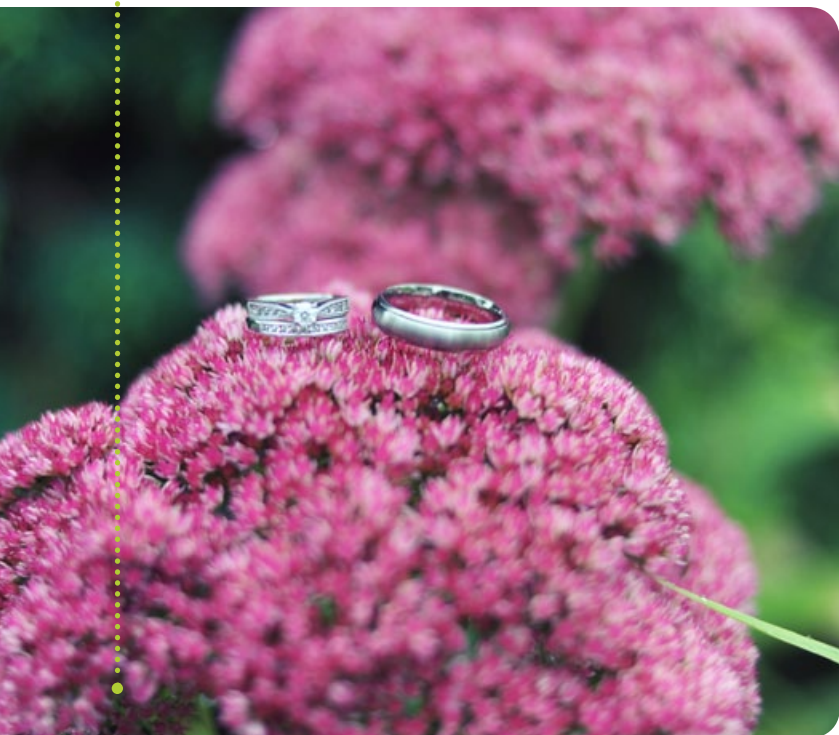
In Ephesians 5:25, I am reminded that my wedding vows are more than mere guidelines for the best way to enjoy a good marriage: “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

God’s primary desire is not for us to become good husbands, as nice and noble as that might be. He wants to see us become the men we were designed to be: men who love their wives just like Jesus loves us. This is a love that does not insist on being right, it does not stand stubbornly in the pride of its own point of view, and does not live by the lie that we should have things go our way.

There are some practical things husbands can do to love, honor, and cherish their brides.

- Stop and reflect on the selfless sacrifice of Jesus. Let go of your need to be in control. I can love and cherish my wife—even if I don’t always agree on what channel to watch, which map to follow, or whether we can afford something.
- Grow together in the grace and mercy of God’s correction by seeking restoration and healing together in your marriage.
- Admit your need for Jesus to fill you with His strength and His love. We aren’t designed to do this on our own, we never were, and the sooner we look to Jesus to restore us, the sooner we will be free to truly love our wives and get on the right path.

“To have and to hold, for better or worse, richer or poorer, to love and cherish, from this day forward, until death do us part.” There is no time like the present to honor these vows. 🙏



“THE SOONER WE LOOK TO JESUS TO RESTORE US, *THE SOONER WE WILL BE FREE TO TRULY LOVE OUR WIVES.*”

BLESSING

Read Romans 5:1 over each of your children as a blessing. Wherever possible, insert your child's name to make the blessing more personal.

Pray with them: **"Thank you, God, that You love us and have offered us the opportunity to have relationship with You. Help us to learn to live like You want us to live. Help us to obey You out of worship because You have done great things for us."**

BLESSING

Therefore, since [you] [insert your child's name] have been justified through faith, [may you] [insert your child's name] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a Bible passage, or words of encouragement. As your children are blessed, tell them they have the opportunity to also be a blessing to others. Encourage them to freely share with others the joy and love they have received from God. ☺



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Don't forget the HomeFront Weekly: A resource to get parents and kids talking about God's Word together.

What's Happening in Your FAITH COMMUNITY?