

My Crazy Family: Parenting

Monday

Colossians 1:17

Write this verse in your journal verbatim and begin to memorize. Reflect upon your family of origin and or the family with whom you currently dwell. What are the some of the characteristics of your family that drive you crazy and traits that are endearing? How different would your crazy family look if it was centered on Jesus?

Tuesday

Genesis 25:19-34

Family feelings run deep in both directions. Identify the various family feelings experienced in this passage and by whom. What are some of the painful and delightful feelings you have recently experienced in your family tree? Pray by name for your immediate family members.

Wednesday

Genesis 27:1-38 | I John 4:16

Every child needs to know they are irrationally loved. Reflect upon your own childhood, did you feel irrationally loved? Why or why not? If you could, what would you change about your childhood family dynamics? If you are a parent, would your children and or grandchildren say they know they are irrationally loved? Why or why not? Journal any action steps. Pray for children that are love starved.

Thursday

Proverbs 22:15 | Ephesians 6:4 | Colossians 3:19-21

Every child needs boundaries and limits. Reflect upon your own childhood. Describe the long range personal impact of your parent's boundary and discipline practices. If you are a parent or grandparent, are you too harsh or lax in setting boundaries and discipline? Explain. If your children are adults, consider if you need to engage in a conversation to reconcile any past harsh or lack of discipline practices.

Friday

I Kings 1:1-27

Good parenting and grandparenting requires energy. What were some of the negative family impacts of King David being too busy or exhausted to discipline Adonijah? What energy management disciplines will you practice in the coming weeks to better serve the children under your watch?

Saturday

Hebrews 12:7-11

Some parents and grandparents are emotionally needy when it comes to their children. When they are young, they enable instead of disciplining them. When they are adults, they are controlling and demanding. Hebrews 12 reminds us God always has our best interests at heart. Would your children or grandchildren say the same about you? Why or why not?

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Write this verse from memory in your journal. Pray for any in your family who might be far from God and any issues going on in their lives.