



LIFE AS A DISCIPLE



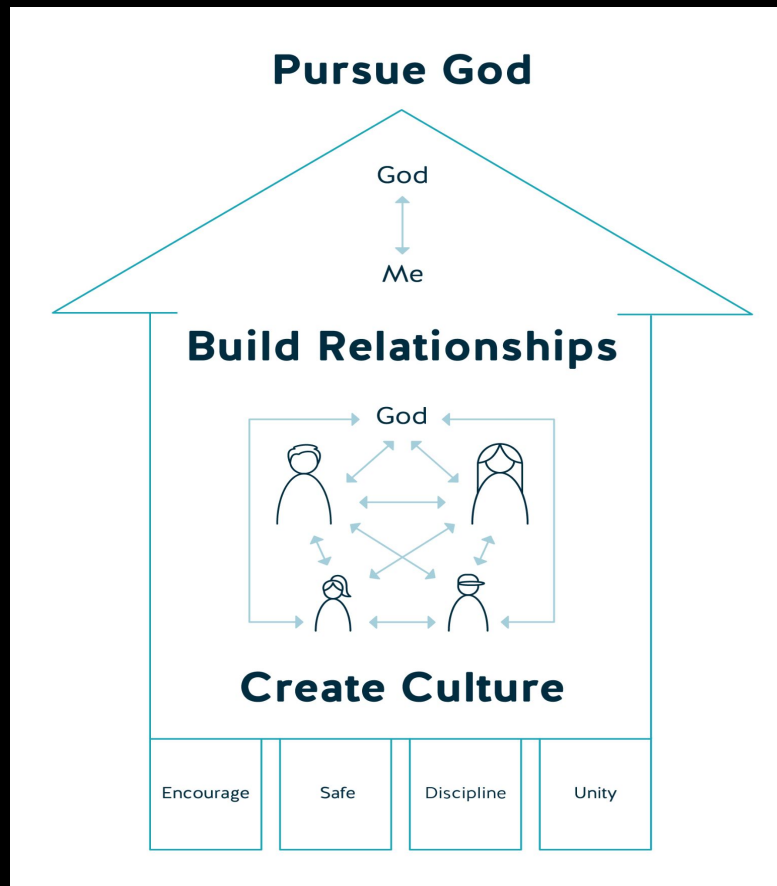
How DID JESUS DO THIS?



TRAINING CENTER FOR LIFE

PARENTING 101

BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE... BY DOING THESE THINGS



↖ Pursuing God
↖ Building Relationships
↖ Creating Culture

SCRIPTURE TO PARENT BY

Pursue God

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

Build relationships

PURSUE GOD

Parents are beloved sons and daughters of God first. Our relationships with God is the most important relationship in our family.

“I will be a father to you and you shall be my sons and daughter says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:18

HOW DO WE PURSUE GOD

SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

HOW GOD SEES YOU

- A new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- With a lens of love because He is love (1 John 4:8)
- His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- Fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalms 139:14)

HEARING GOD

HOW GOD SPEAKS TO YOU

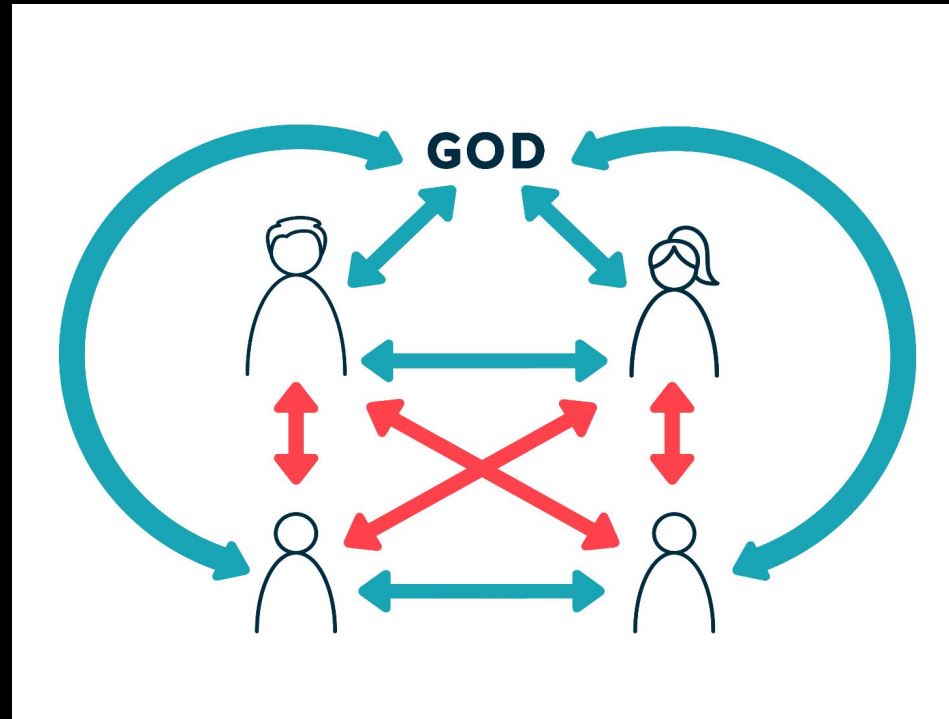
- My sheep listen and know my voice (John 10:27)
- In the sound of a low whisper (1 Kings 19:12)
- Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God (John 8:47)

PRACTICAL WAYS TO PURSUE GOD

Scripture
Meditation
Celebration
Prayer
Fasting
Sabbath
Silence & Solitude
Simplicity
Community
Service
Generosity
Confession & Repentance

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FAMILY WILL BE
DETERMINED BY THE STRENGTH OF
YOUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS



TWO PRACTICAL WAYS TO BUILD THE PARENT TO CHILD RELATIONSHIP

Connection

- *pursue*
- *enjoy*
- *honor*

Discipleship

- *model*
- *teach*
- *celebrate God's
greatness*

CREATE CULTURE

→ A way of thinking, behaving, or working that exists in a place or organization (like your family)

- Encouragement
- Safe Haven
- Discipline
- Unity

ENCOURAGEMENT

We encourage extravagantly and correct carefully to open up the hearts of our children.

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

Hebrews 3:13

THE BEST WAY TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT

SPEAK IDENTITY INTO THEM

*Notice them doing
something right and
point it out*

*Use "You are..."
statements*

DRAW AWESOMENESS OUT OF THEM

SAFE HAVEN

Home is a safe place where we wash the world off our children so we can send them out energized and refreshed.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO TO CREATE A SAFE HAVEN

- Listen *instead* of Lecture
- Have Faith *instead* of Fear
- Be Patient *instead* of Angry

The most powerful way to listen and show faith and patience is to use your **nonverbal skills**. Make eye contact, smile, nod, and give your full attention. We feel safe when we feel seen, know and loved.

RELATIONAL DISCIPLINE

The goal of discipline is freedom. We want to build pathways of self-control so our kids can be free to make wise decisions on their own.

“Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.”

Proverbs 29:17

THREE PRACTICAL WAYS TO RELATIONALLY DISCIPLINE

1. Think before you act
2. See things through the eyes of the child
3. Consider natural consequences

"So, I say, walk by the Spirit and you will
not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Galatians 5:16

UNITY

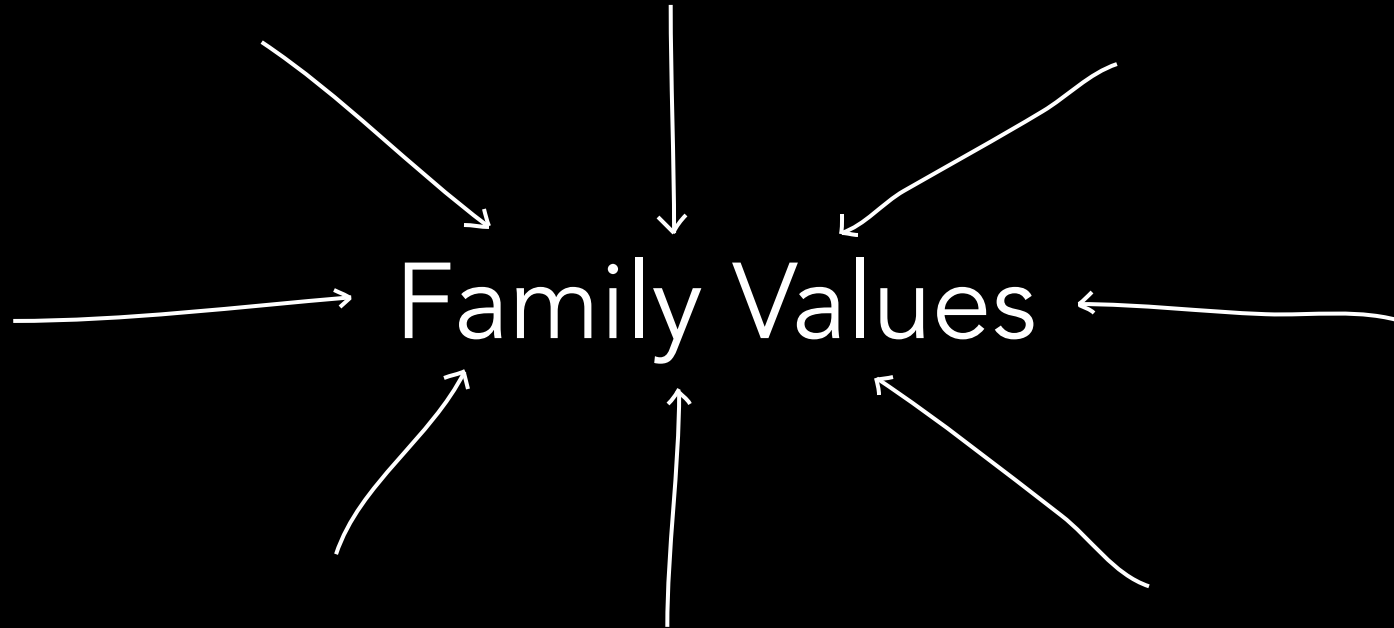
*you are tied
to me*

Family unity is celebrating family uniqueness as we unite under family values.

“How good and pleasant it is when god’s people live together in unity.”

Psalms 133:1

PRACTICAL WAYS TO CREATE UNITY



"Where there is no vision the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18

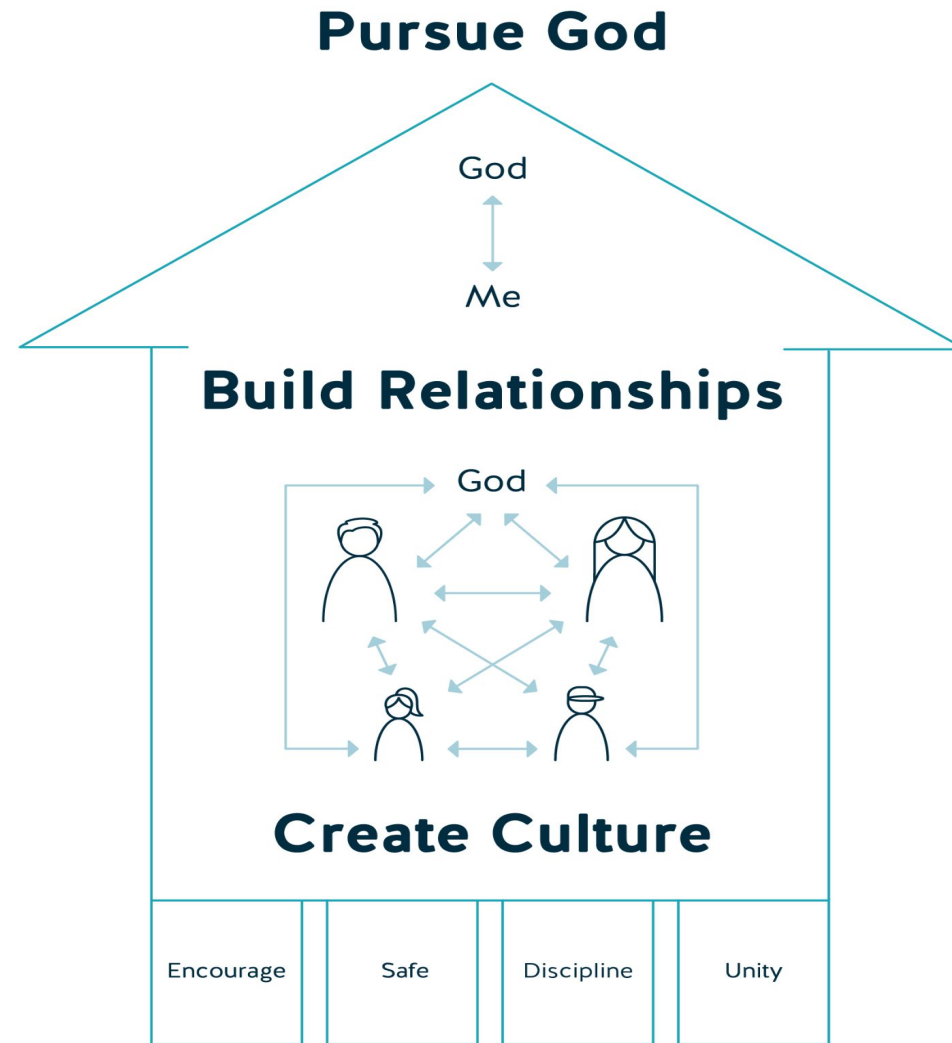
You are handpicked by God for such a time as this
to be the best parents you can be for you children!

“Children are a heritage from the lord, offspring
a reward from him.” (NIV)

“Children are God’s love-gift; they are
heavens reward.” (TPT)

Psalms 127:3

*Choose now to invest
in your parenting!
Your future self
will be so grateful...
and so will your
children!*



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