




LIFE AS A DISCIPLE



How Did Jesus Do This?



TRAINING CENTER FOR LIFE

PARENT CONNECTION

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CONNECTION IS THE SUPERHIGHWAY TO YOUR CHILD'S HEART



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CONNECTION MEANS THE PARENT PURSUES THE CHILD SO THE CHILD FEELS SEEN, HEARD, VALUED AND LOVED.

"....He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of the children to their parents…"

Malachi 4:5

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BENEFITS OF THE SUPERHIGHWAY

- LOVE
- TRUST
- INFLUENCE
- TRUTH
- INSPIRATION
- DISCIPLINE

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PURSUE THE CHILD

- Connection is our choice as parents to build the road
- Connection is a long term game
- Connection is the greatest secret in parenting

"If you love those who love you,
what reward will you get?
Matthew 5:46

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HOW DO WE BUILD A CONNECTION SUPERHIGHWAY?

BUILD AND REPAIR

Building says to your child

- I enjoy you
- I see you
- I want to know you

Repair says to your child

- Our relationship is too important to leave broken
- I want our relationship to be the best it can be

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PRACTICAL WAYS TO BUILD A SUPERHIGHWAY OF CONNECTION



- LISTEN
- IMPART IDENTITY
- GOD CONVERSATIONS

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LISTEN

THE POWER OF LISTENING:

- TELLS THEM THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU
- HELPS THEM TRUST YOU
- IT HELPS YOU UNDERSTAND THEM

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry....." James 1:19

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IMPART IDENTITY

EVERY CHILD ASKS THE QUESTIONS:

- AM I LOVED NO MATTER WHAT I DO?
- AM I VALUED?
- AM I WANTED?

GOD GIVES US THE BEST EXAMPLE WHEN JESUS IS BAPTIZED.

“This is my son, whom I love; with him I am pleased.”
Matthew 3:17

GOD CONVERSATIONS

THE POWER OF GOD CONVERSATIONS:

- MAKES GOD REAL
- GIVES A DAILY DRIP OF GOD

"These commands I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHEN/WHERE DO YOU FIND IT HARD TO LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD?

2. WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU SPEAK IDENTITY INTO YOUR CHILD?

3. WHEN/WHERE DO YOU HAVE GOD CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD?

Pick the question you want to answer the most

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PRACTICAL WAYS TO REPAIR SUPERHIGHWAY CONNECTION



<u>REPAIR</u>

- GO FIRST
- FORGIVE
- QUALITY TIME

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FORGIVE

FORGIVENESS IS A SUPERPOWER

- IT MELTS AWAY ANGER
- IT REMOVES BLAME
- IT RESTORES CONNECTION

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
Colossians 3:13

QUALITY TIME

- CHILDREN WANT AND NEED FOCUSED ATTENTION
- THE BEST WAY TO REPAIR A BROKEN CONNECTION IS TO APPLY TIME TO THE RELATIONSHIP

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TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED YOUR CHILD FOR FORGIVENESS?
2. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR CHILD?



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TAKE AWAY

CONNECTION IS THE PARENT PURSUING THE CHILD
SO THE CHILD FEELS SEEN, HEARD, VALUED AND LOVED.

CONNECTION IS NOT DEPENDENT ON THE CHILD'S RESPONSE.

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