"TEACHING YOUR KIDS TO MIND WITHOUT LOSING YOURS"

"WII NEED HELP" – PT. 3

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DISCIPLINE BY THE BOOK:

*Eph 6:1-4 (NLT) Children, **obey** your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.*

GODLY DISCIPLINE…

1. _____ LOVE

Prov 3:11-12 (NLT) My child, don't ignore it when the LORD disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

Prov 13:24 (NLT) If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.

Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV) He who spares the rod hates his son. But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Prov 23:13-14 (NLT) Don't fail to correct your children. They won't die if you spank them. Physical discipline may well save them from death.

2. _____ CLEAR BOUNDARIES AND CONSEQUENCES

Gen 2:15-17 (NLT) The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it. But the LORD God gave him this warning: "You may freely eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die."

Gen 3:23-24 (NIV) So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

3. _____ OUR VIEW OF GOD

*Heb 12:10-11 (MSG) While we were children, our parents did what **seemed** best to them. But God is doing what **is** best for us, training us to live God's holy best. At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.*

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Digging Deeper: Small Group Questions …

1. What's one childhood memory you have of being disciplined?
2. Would you say your parents leaned toward the authoritarian or permissive side?
3. How have your parents influenced your parenting style?
4. What are some boundaries that you've established with your kids and how do you enforce those boundaries?
5. Do you see punishment being different than discipline?
6. How have your parents shaped your view of God?
7. What can you do to shape your kids view of God?