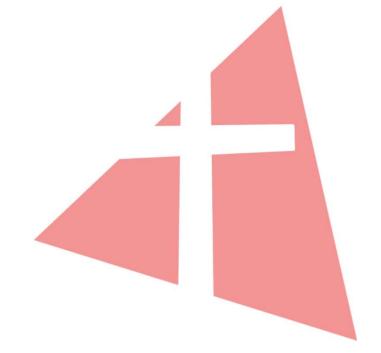
# PARENTING: OUR CHILDHOOD

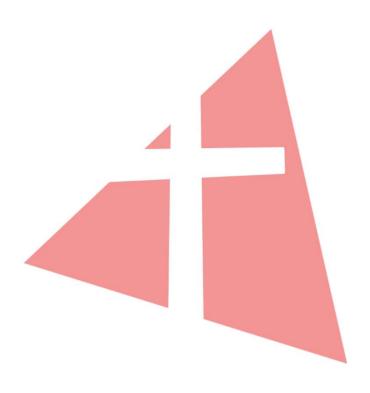
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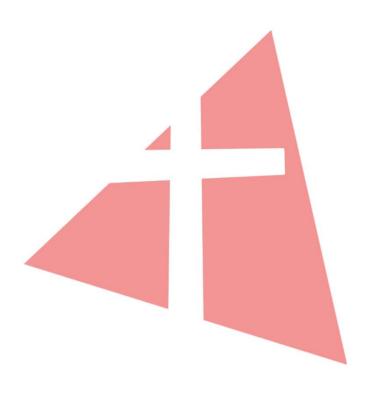
## THE LAST FEW TOPICS

- Singleness
- Marriage



## THE NEXT SEASON

• Parenting



## (ONE) PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

Malachi 2:14-15 Yet you say, Why? Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously: yet is she your companion, and the wife of your covenant. And did not he make them one? Yet had he the remnant of the spirit. And why one? That he might seek a godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

## THE BIBLE ON PARENTING

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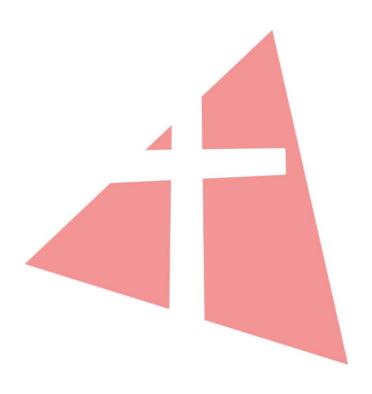
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart: And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6:4 And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

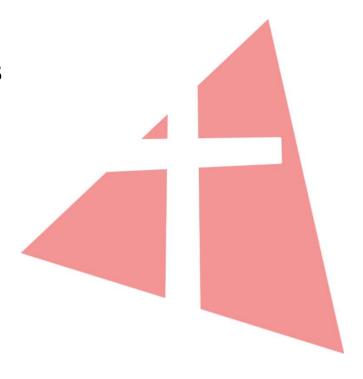
## **HOW TO TEACH**

- With words
- With actions



## **OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

• We are to reflect to our children who God is



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME COIN

Children project the attributes of their earthly parents unto God

## THE PROBLEM

Hebrews 12:9-10 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. (NKJV)

## **OUR PROBLEM**

 We all believe things about God that are not true because of our parents

## TO MAKE THINGS WORSE

#### We pass down the distortions we received to our own children

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 You shall not bow down yourself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

## FACING REALITY

#### A distant father often leads to

- Difficulty knowing what is good, what is acceptable, and what is not acceptable
- Difficulties keeping rules
- Refusing any kind of authority

## FACING REALITY

#### A distant mother often leads to

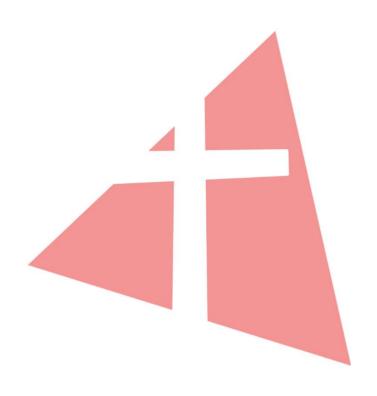
- Insecurity in any kind of relationship
- Difficulty to keep commitments in relationships
- Inability to love long term

## **FACING REALITY**

 Most people carry wounds from their childhood they don't even know about

## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- Avoidance
- Anger
- Negative Patterns



## THE GOOD NEWS

Galatians 3:13-14 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

## THE GOOD NEWS

- Only Jesus can stop this generational curse
- Through Jesus we can experience what a perfect Father is like

## STEPS TO TAKE

- Acknowledge the past
- Bring it to Jesus
- Forgive
- Get help from the Church Community
- Allow Jesus to replace the lies with His Truth

## IN CONCLUSION

- Before we can parent well, we need to be parented well
  - A relationship with God
  - A willingness to let God heal our own childhood wounds