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**THE GOSPEL AND PARENTING**  
**Ephesians 6:1-4**

### Three Foundations...

- The Word is **sufficient**.
- The home is **central**.
- The Gospel is **necessary**.
  - ▶ The Gospel is our source of **salvation**.
  - ▶ The Gospel is our source of **transformation**.

### Parents...

- God gives you children by His **grace**.
- God gives you children for His **glory**.
  - ▶ The goal of biblical parenting is NOT to help your children...
    - Get a great **education**.
    - Be a great **athlete**.
    - Go on great **dates**.
    - Have a great **career**.
    - Make great **money**.
  - ▶ The goal of biblical parenting is to help your children accomplish a great **commission**.
- Commands for parents...
  - ▶ Instruct your children so they **know** the Word.
    - We must have a **verbal** commitment to the Word in our homes.
    - We must have a **visible** commitment to the Word in our homes.
  - ▶ Train your children so they **show** the Word.
    - Our children will not **be** what they cannot **see**.
- A caution for parents...
  - ▶ Discipline your children with **love** that leads them toward God, not with **anger** that leads them away from God.



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- Commands for children...
  - ▶ Honor your parents with your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Obey your parents with your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ what they say.
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- A caution for children...
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  - ▶ I will \_\_\_\_\_ your lives.
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### Children...

- You are **made** by God.
- You are **responsible** to God.
- Commands for children...
  - ▶ Honor your parents with your **attitude**.
  - ▶ Obey your parents with your **actions**.
    - **Hear** what they say.
    - **Do** what they say.
- A caution for children...
  - ▶ To dishonor or disobey your parents is to **rebel** against God.

### Two Promises...

- As we honor Christ in our relationships as children and parents, God says...
  - ▶ I will **satisfy** your lives.
  - ▶ I will **multiply** your legacy.