

Parenting: Winning the Battle for Your Child's Heart

Because I Said So

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Proverbs 13:24 and Psalm 23:4.

How does Psalm 23:4 help you better understand what Proverbs 13:24 means? Explain.

How would you describe the difference between discipline and punishment? Would you agree that discipline is more effective? Why?

What was the basis for the rules and discipline you experienced as a child and how did that impact you?

If you are a parent, what kind of rules and discipline have you used with your children? How has this worked for you and for them?

How would having a parenting goal in mind help you when determining appropriate discipline for your children?

2. Read Hebrews 12:5-11.

What truths in this passage stand out to you?

What do you think the writer of Hebrews means in the second half of verse 6? How does God punish His children and how is it evidence that we belong to Him?

What are the results of God's discipline in our lives (vss 10-11) and how have you seen this in your own experience?

3. Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

Why do you think honoring our parents is so important? What ripple effect does it have in our lives?

Do you agree that children must be taught, not simply expected, to tell the truth? How is telling the truth connected to honoring others?

If you are actively parenting, where do you need to grow in the way you discipline your child(ren)? In what ways can others come alongside you in support?