

The Joy of Family

Part 4

A Hopeful Vision:

Seven Lessons I Learned from My Dad about Family

Joshua 24:15

Introduction:

1. Our Only Hope is Grace, our Goal is Sincere Faith, and Our God Alone can do this.
2. Our Home Relationships are Our Highest Expression of Our Heart for God.
3. Discipline is only Merciful when it is Consistent & only Effective when it Clashes with the Joy it Temporarily Displaces.
4. We are called to train Heart Attitude even more intently than Habitual Activity.
5. Do not introduce kids to a “Safe” God or “protect” them from difficult Truth.

6. Since "All the World is but a story..." - Tell **Stories** that point to *the* Story.

7. This is the **Big** Stuff, the **Best** Stuff, and the **Bottom** line of our Lives.

A Hopeful Vision:

I learned from my Dad & Mom that God's Grace is sufficient to transform the course of generations in a family, through the faithfulness of one generation.

Joshua 24:15

15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."