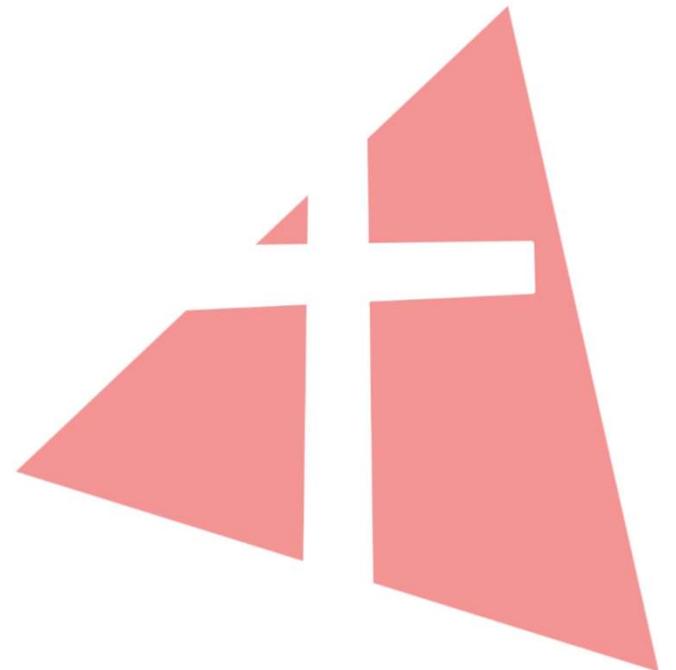


PARENTING: RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION

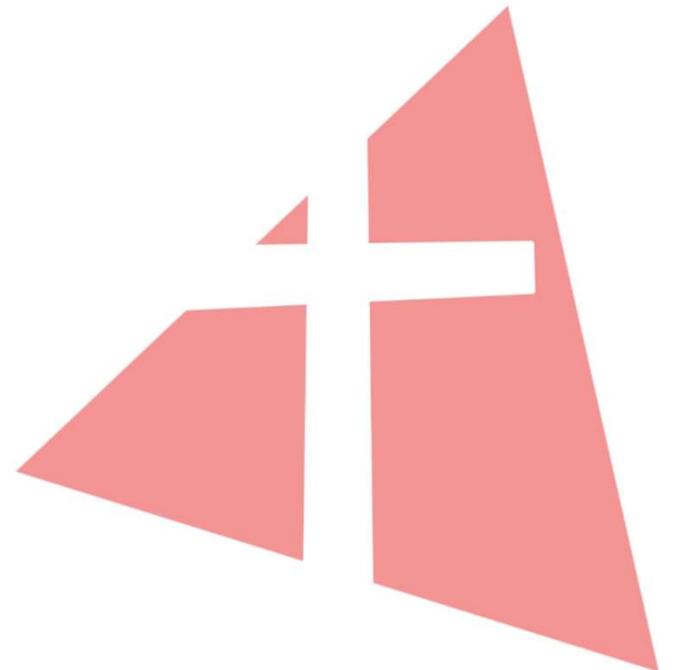
Relationships & Family Series

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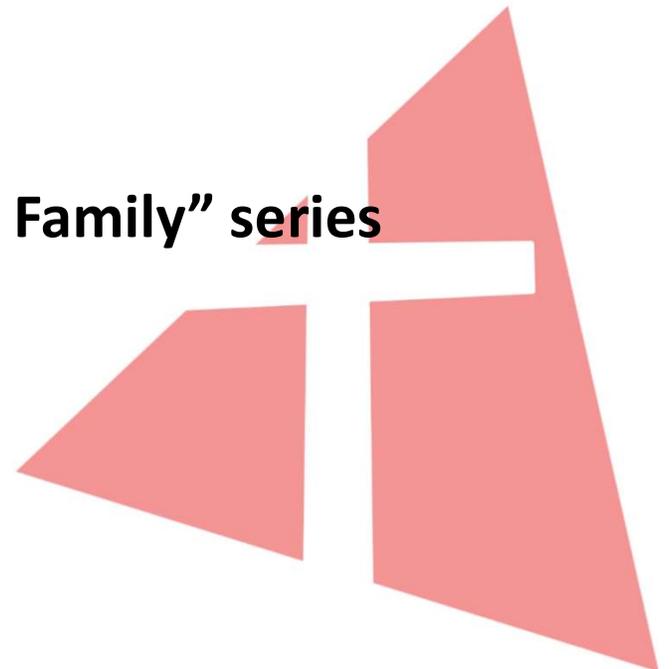
LAST 2 SERMONS

- Parenting: Our childhood
- Parenting: Disciplining our children



TODAY

- Raising the next generation
- Next time: Closure of our “Relationships and Family” series

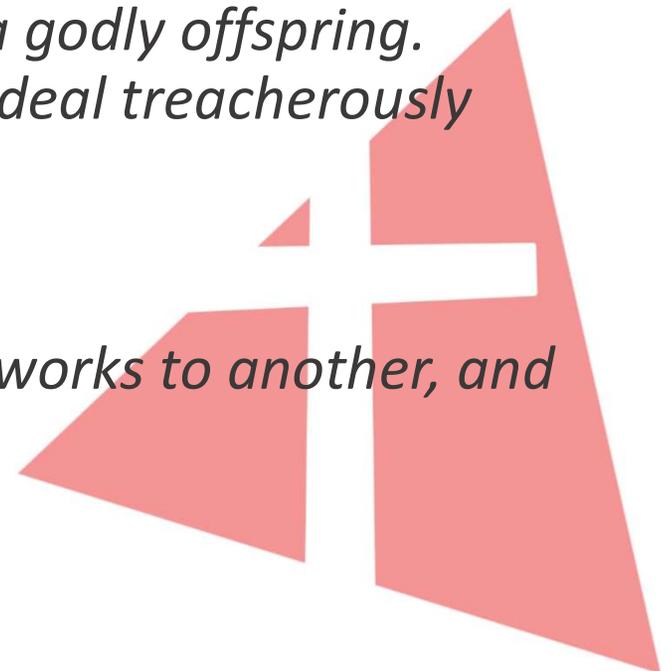


THE GOAL

- **Raising the next generation to bring Glory to God**

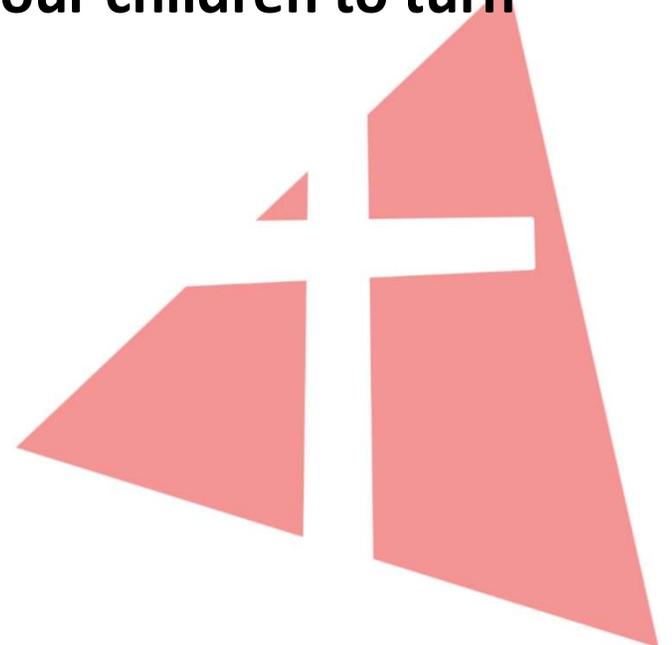
Malachi 2:15 And did not he make them one? Yet had he the remnant of the spirit. And why one? That he might seek a godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Psalms 145:4 One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- **The devil will do everything he can to tempt our children to turn away from God**
- **One of his main tools is “the world”**



A COMMON CONCERN

- **How can I help my child deal with all the temptations and peer pressure from this world?**



PRAYER

- **Dependence**

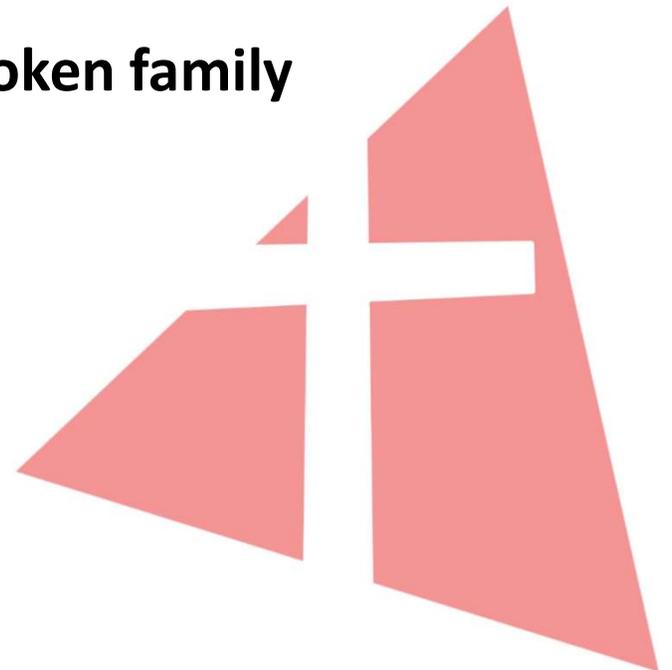
John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise.

- **Praying for our children**



BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

- **Most people in legal trouble come from a broken family background**



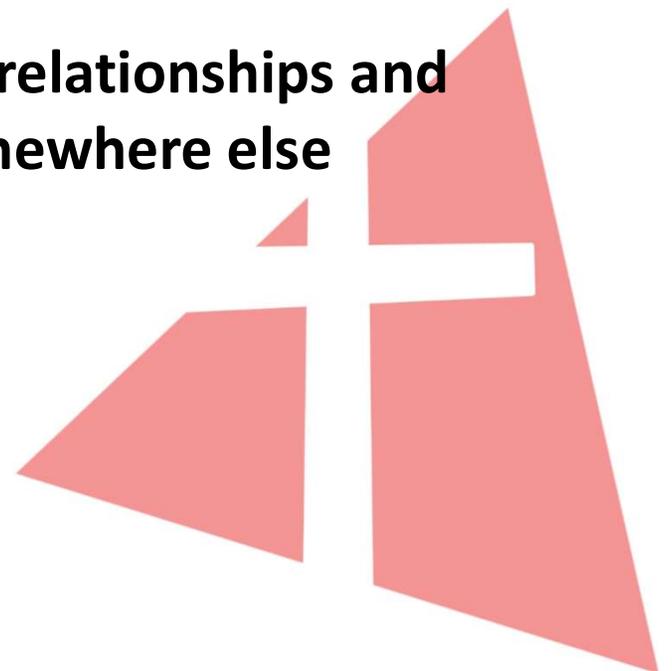
BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

- **A stable marriage is the most important ingredient for children to feel safe and secure**



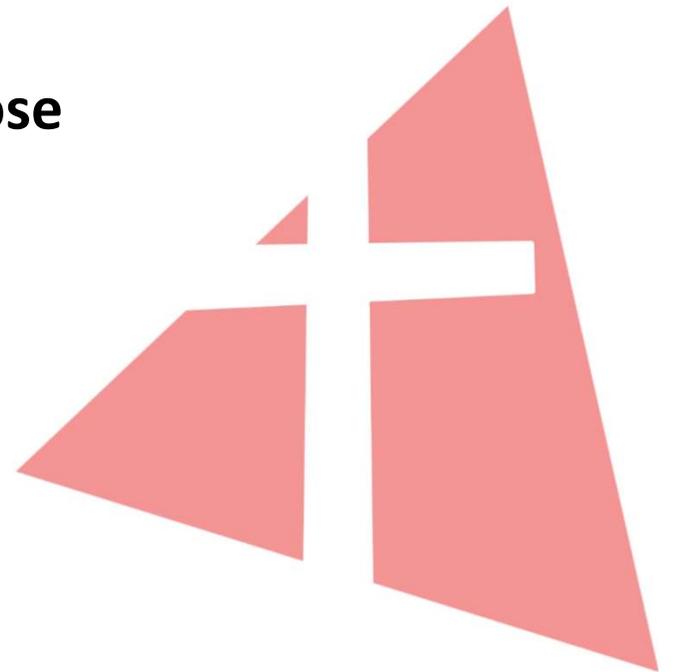
BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

- If children don't have their need for "Strong relationships and security" met at home, they'll look for it somewhere else



SPEAK FORTH IDENTITY

- **Every child has a need for identity and purpose**

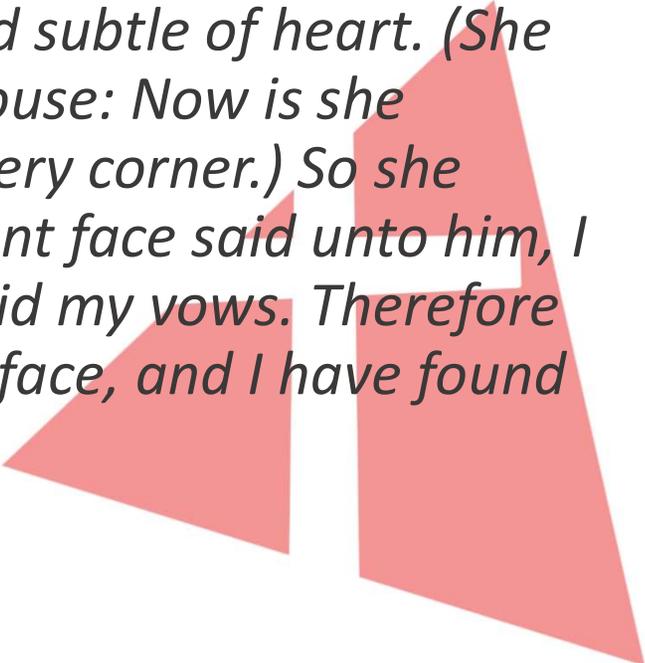


TEACH

Deuteronomy 11:18-23 Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess nations greater and mightier than yourselves.

TEACH

Proverbs 7:7-27 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart. (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: Now is she outside, now in the streets, and lies in wait at every corner.) So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you.

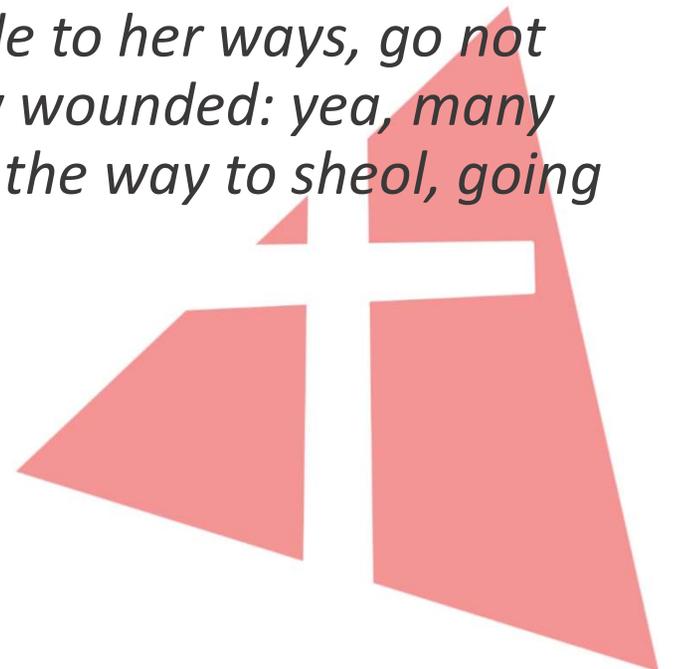


TEACH

I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with colored spreads, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us delight ourselves with love. For my husband is not at home, he has gone on a long journey: He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she seduced him. He goes after her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till an arrow strikes through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, and knows not that it is for his life.

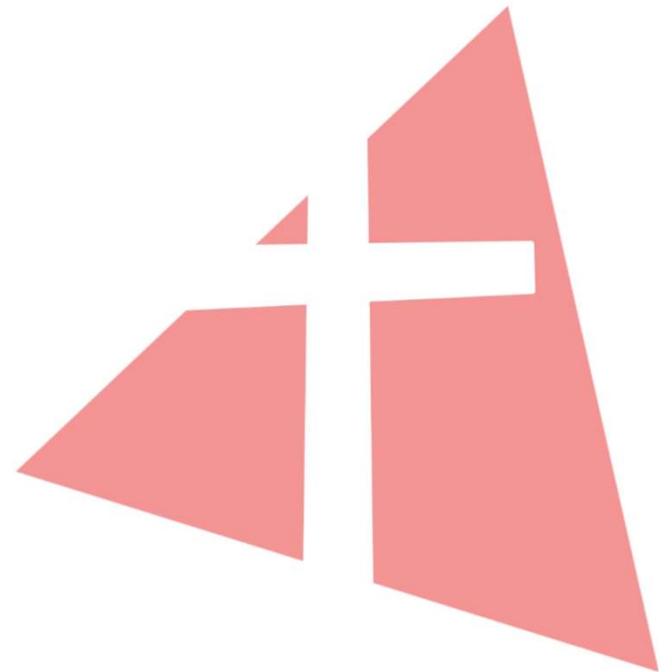
TEACH

Hearken unto me now therefore, O you children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not your heart turn aside to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she has cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to sheol, going down to the chambers of death.



TEACH

- **Be proactive!**



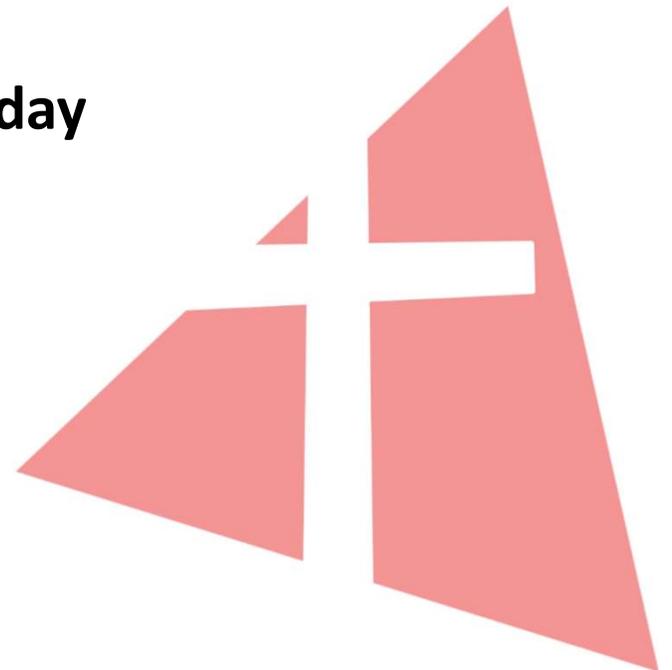
FATHER AND MOTHER

- **Most Mothers instinctively protect their children from danger**
- **Most Fathers instinctively prepare their children for danger**



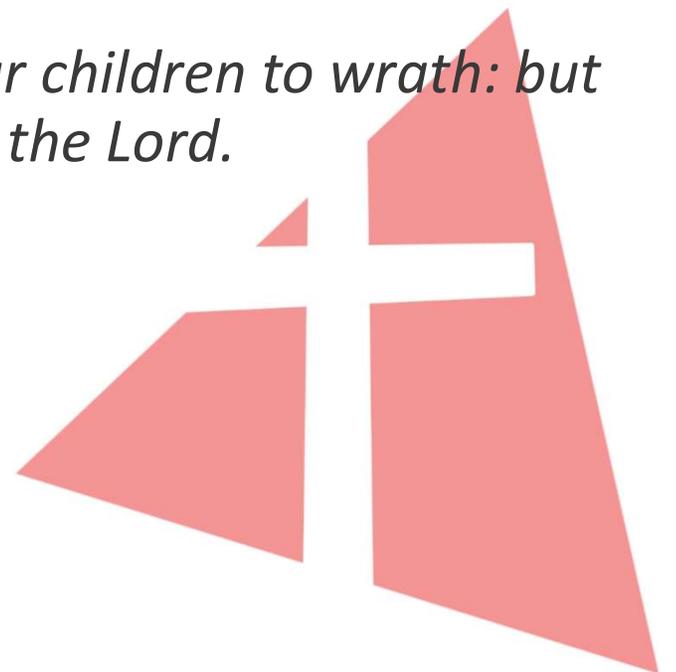
COMMUNICATE

- **Make time to check in with each other each day**



LOVE

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



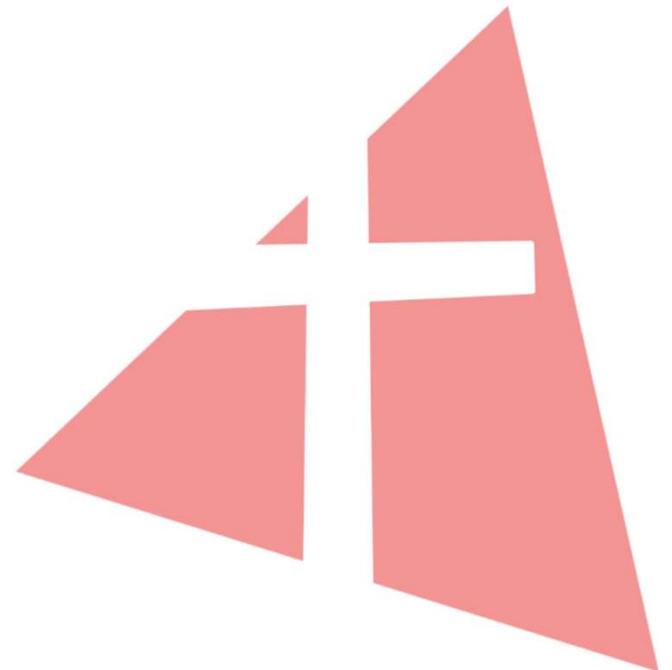
BE AN EXAMPLE

- **Children imitate the actions of their parents, no matter what we tell them**



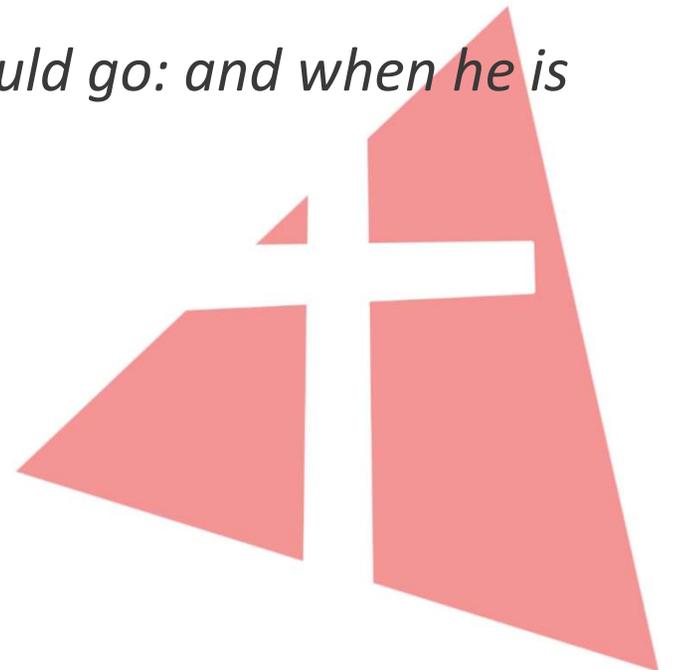
TEACH CHILDREN TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES

- **Share your opinions**
- **Give them choices**
- **This is something you can do for all your life**



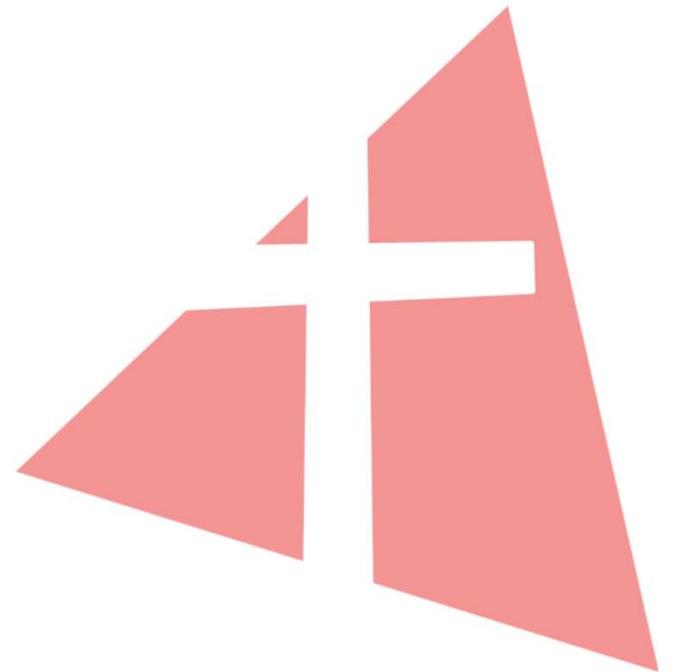
BE PATIENT

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



NEVER GIVE UP

- **Never stop!**



IN CONCLUSION

- Investing in the next generation is one of the most important things we could ever do
- **Our priorities**
 - Our own relationship with God
 - Marriage
 - Children
 - Work
 - Then everything else (incl. ministry)

