

BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE

Psalms 9:9-20, Luke 15:11-32

1. Be the best parent you can be

Luke 15:11-12 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

1.1 Care for your family

1.2 Know your limits

2. Be the bond that holds your family together

Luke 15:20 So he (son) got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

2.1 Patience, Hope, Forgiveness, Acceptance

2.2 Loving the whole family – no favoritism

3. Believe in God for your children

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

3.1 Faith is confidence (Hebrews 11:1 & Hebrews 11:23)

3.2 Faith is courage (Hebrews 11:23b)

Hebrews 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible.

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Can you think of anyone that you look up to as a parent figure? (He/She may be your biological parents or someone else whom you admire and consider an example). Share with your group the reasons if you have or don't have anyone you consider a model.
2. The father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son reflects God our Heavenly Father. What can we learn from this parable to be a better parent?
3. The faith of Moses' parents teaches us conviction and courage. What would be your aspirations as parents (or in the near future)?