

A Family Dilemma

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is Found in the Temple Courts

Luke 2:41-47

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Trust is Earned in Families

Luke 2:48-49 *When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you. Why were you searching for me?" he asked. Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?*

Know; Rely; Commit; Safe; Honest; Transparent; Confidence

Jesus LIVED in a Family

Luke 2:51-52 *Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

- Family life prepares children for adulthood & God's purposes
- Family life is the primary place the Lord uses to shape our personality, character, values, worldview and faith
- Families life does not have to be perfect to be used of God
- Family life is becoming a low priority in our society

Families are Foundational

Characteristics of a Healthy Family Environment

AFFIRMATION: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 *Encourage each other and build each other up...*

Are we creating an environment where we **AFFIRM** each other's **WORTH** and **VALUE**?

ACCEPTANCE: Romans 15:7 *Accept one another just as Christ accepted you.*

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APPRECIATION: Romans 12:11 *Brothers and sisters, appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.*

ATTENTION: Galatians 6:10 *Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.*

AFFECTION: Romans 12:10 *Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family.*

