

**Series: "YOU'RE GROUNDED"**  
**Part 3: "HOW TO RUIN YOUR KIDS"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>12</sup> *Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord.*  
1 Samuel 2:12 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> *This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt.*  
1 Samuel 2:17 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> *Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.* <sup>23</sup> *So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours.* <sup>24</sup> *No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the Lord's people is not good.*  
1 Samuel 2:22-24 (NIV)

**Four Ways to Ruin Your Kids**

**1. Protect them from \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>18</sup> *Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.*  
Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)

**2. Go through \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

<sup>27</sup> *Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the Lord says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your ancestor's family when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh?' <sup>28</sup> I chose your ancestor out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your ancestor's family all the food offerings presented by the Israelites.* <sup>29</sup> *Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do*

*you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?'*  
1 Samuel 2:27-29 (NIV)

**3. Put your kids \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>34</sup> *"And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you—they will both die on the same day.* <sup>35</sup> *I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.*  
1 Samuel 2:34-35 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> *So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."*  
1 Samuel 3:18 (NIV)

**4. Give up \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>12</sup> *"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."*  
<sup>13</sup> *...Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.*  
Joel 2:12, 13b (NIV)

Sermon Notes:

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