

DEFINING MOMENTS

Parenting Because It Matters – Part 2

ON TV: Your parents **behavior**, not their advice, determined whether or not you would want to be like them, or even with them, when you were old enough to make that choice.

ON TV: Chances are, our behavior, not our advice, will determine whether or not your children will want to be like you, or whether or not they will even like you.

ON TV: Respect creates **influence**.

ON TV: The tension between what's **real** and what's **ideal**.

ON TV: People who were nothing like him, liked him, and he lied them back.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Jesus replied, ‘And you experts in the law, **woe to you**, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.’” Luke 11:46*

ON TV: Jesus was **all grace**, and he was **all truth, all the time**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“A new command I give to you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:35*

ON TV: At the core of being a Christ Follower is the ethic of **“others first.”**

ON TV: What's in it for **me**? And **I** want **my** way.

ON TV: Parenting can bring out the really **ugly** in us.

ON TV: **Insecurity, Anger, Fear**

ON TV: Our kids behavior **points directly** back to us, and **our response** says a great deal about **who and what** we are **most concerned** about.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“6a Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped...” Philippians 2:6a*

ON TV: **“Forgive one another,” “Encourage one another,” “Carry one another’s burdens,” “Submit to one another”**

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Love is **patient**.” 1 Corinthians 13:4a*

ON TV: The first unchanging principle of parenting that demonstrates that our love is patient is **spending time** with our kids.

ON TV: How do kids spell **love**? **T-I-M-E**

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“And whenever he went into villages, towns, or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch him, even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were **healed**.” Mark 6:56*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“13 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was **indignant**. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’” Mark 10:13-14*

ON TV: The average dad spends **37 seconds a day** engaged in meaningful conversation with his children.

ON TV: We **separate**, and we **frustrate**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Fathers, **do not exasperate** your children or they will become discouraged.”
Colossians 3:21

ON TV: Then they may not turn out the way **you want them to turn out**. They may not become what **you want them to become**.

ON TV: It’s **self-awareness**

ON TV: Their **home** life.

ON TV: Our responsibility as parents **isn’t to decide what our children do** with their lives, and nor are we responsible for their choices. Our responsibility **is to assure them of our love for them**.

ON TV:

1. Who feels **rushed** by you?
2. Who feels an unnecessary, and maybe even an **unhealthy pressure** when you walk into their room or when you walk through the front door?
3. Who are you **driving away** in your effort to bring out their best?
4. And what would it look like and what would it require from you to **adjust your pace to theirs**?

ON TV: It requires us to **protect our children** rather than always trying to **protect our reputation**.

ON TV: The second unchanging principle of parenting that demonstrates that our love is patient is that we want to be characterized as parents who practice **encouraging talk** with our kids.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “And he took the children in his arms, he put his hands on them, **and he blessed them**.”
Mark 10:16

ON TV/OUTLINE: “And a voice from Heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom **I am well pleased**.’” *Matthew 3:17*