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SERMON: *Training Your Children to Triumph*

SERIES: *Following Jesus in Today's World*

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How do we Train our Children for Triumph in Today's World?

Ephesians 6:1-2 & 2 Timothy 3:1-5

1.) Realizing that **TRAINING** leads to **TRIUMPH**.

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

PSALM 127:4 *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.*

HEBREWS 12:5-8 *My son, do not despise the [c] chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

JOSHUA 24:15 *... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

2.) Realizing training must **PRECEDE** choice.

DEUTERONOMY 30:19 *call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;*

EPHESIANS 5:1 *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.*

MATTHEW 26:73 *And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."*

3.) Train from the time they are **TOTS**.

4.) **TRUST** God.

JOHN 1:12-13 *who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.*

1 JOHN 5:4 *For whatsoever is born (begotten) of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

5.) Train with **TRUTH** and **GRACE**.

LUKE 15:20-24 *"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, [f] 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.*