

I FAILED AS A PARENT; NOW WHAT?

It's Just a Phase: Week 6

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*"Suppose a certain man is righteous and does what is just and right...But suppose that man has a son who grows up...and refuses to do what is right...Should [that son] live? No! He must die and must take full blame...But suppose that sinful son, in turn, has a son who sees his father's wickedness and decides against that kind of life...[that son] will not die because of his father's sins; he will surely live...**The soul that sins is the soul that dies.** The child does not share the guilt of the parent, nor the parent the guilt of the child. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness."* (Ezekiel 18:5-20, NLT/MSG)

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

1. THERE ARE NO PERFECT PARENTS.

"Indeed, we all make many mistakes." (James 3:2a, NLT)

2. THERE ARE NO PERFECT KIDS.

"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake." (Ecclesiastes 7:20, GNB)

- Bad children can come from good parents.
- Good children can come from bad parents.

3. THERE IS NO PERFECT OUTCOME.

"Never boast about tomorrow. You don't know what will happen between now and then." (Proverbs 27:1, GNB)

- I am responsible for my parenting, not for the product.

Great parenting means you did the best you could with what you knew motivated by love.

WHAT I NEED TO DO

1. RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR REPLAYS ARE NOT REALITY.

"Do not be a false witness...or exaggerate with your lips." (Proverbs 24:43, LES)

2. REALIZE YOUR MISTAKES.

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful." (Proverbs 28:13a, The Living Bible)

3. RELEASE YOUR GUILT.

"As far as east is from west, so he has removed far from us the guilt of our transgressions." (Psalm 103:12, LEB)

4. RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE.

"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace..." (Hebrews 12:15, NCV)

5. RESIST COMPARISON.

"We won't dare compare ourselves with those who think so much of themselves." (2 Corinthians 10:12a, CEV)

6. REPURPOSE YOUR PAIN.

"My troubles turned out all for the best— they forced me to learn from your textbook." (Psalm 119:71, The Message)

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28, NLT)

ACTION STEP

IT'S JUST A PHASE WORKSHOP