

# The Sticky Power of Fighting for the Heart

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## Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Heart determines behavior

## From your heart... (6:4-6)

*It's got to be in your heart if you want it to be in your kid's heart.*

*Luke 6:45: the reason your child said those words is not because of the kids they hang around, the reason they act out is not because of someone else. It's all an indication of their condition of their heart!!*

## To their Heart... (6:20-25)

*Here is going to come a time when your kids ask you questions about your faith. They need to hear more than "because we are supposed to..." This won't sustain them. Tell them your story, about how God rescued you from the slavery of your heart .*

*Don't ever stop telling your story, so the next generation will know exactly what God had done*

A. A heart focus.

- We don't settle for mere behavioral change

*Dig deeper, look at the heart not just at what is just...*

*We should seek deeper and more meaningful change.*

- Changes how you discipline

*If you discipline for behavior instead of the heart what are we saying about*

*the gospel? If we fight for the heart then we reach them about the gosple*

- Creates a God-ward orientation

*The only solution to the sinful heart is God... Fight for the heart!*

### **Restoring the broken heart connections**

- ▶ Create an atmosphere of grace and patience
- ▶ Be quick to apologize
- ▶ Teach them how to apologize
- ▶ Teach them to forgive
- ▶ Keep reminding of God's grace and forgiveness