

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Helping the Young Grow in Wisdom & Favour

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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How do we help the young experience a life of flourishing?

Luke 2:41-52 (NLT) Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.⁴³ After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, ⁴⁴ because they assumed he was among the other travellers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. ⁴⁶ Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. ⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." ⁴⁹ "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what he meant. ⁵¹ Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people.

- **Raise children to love God & to prioritize Christ-centred community.**

"There is a world of difference between raising your children in church and discipling your children in Jesus." Jackie Hill Perry

- **Recognize that you will make mistakes.**

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2 Corinthians 12:8 (NLT) "My grace is all you need. My power works best in [your] weakness."

- **Realize that God has a plan even when you don't understand it.**

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- **"The Father has our kids even when we feel we have lost them."**

John 3:16-18 (MSG) "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it."

- **Remain hopeful.**

Big Idea: Entrust yourself and your children to the love of the Father.

How would the Lord have you respond to His word today?



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