

Southside Baptist Church
VBS Parent Tool Kit 2023
“How far can a vision reach?” Session 4

1. Introduction:

- a. Can your vision for your family reach beyond the age 18? 22? Marriage of your children?
- b. You ready for this story? Jeremiah 35
- c. Background: Jeremiah 35
 - 1) What is being contrasted?
 - 2) Application – If the command of a mere man, Jonadab, was respected and obeyed by his family for over two centuries, why didn't the people of Israel and Judah obey the command of Almighty God?
 - 3) Question - Why did Jeremiah bring the Rechabites into the temple and offer them wine when he knew they would refuse it?

2. Why this story for today?

- a. I marvel at the vision and influence of a dad.
 - 1) Something to think about – As a father, has it ever crossed your mind what you desire to see in your children when they are grown and ready to leave home?
 - 2) How far down the road can you still impact the lives of your family? A father is only limited in this by his faith.
- b. In our story –
 - 1) Key verse – 14
 - 2) Verse 17 –

3. A Father's FAR REACHING Vision is guided by:

- a. Two Key verses:
 - 1) **Proverbs 22:6** - “**Train up** (to narrow, to initiate, to dedicate or discipline) **a child in the way** (according to the commandment of (TARGET), by – conversation, custom, journey, manner, as a passenger) **he should go** (a course of conduct, road, journey, behavior) **and when he is old** (aged man, when he is mature) (What happens if he/she does not mature?) **he will not depart** (will not turn it off) **from it.**”
 - 2) **Ephesians 6:4** – “**And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath** (“**provoke**” - what are the things a father does that brings their children to wrath?) (“**provoke**” - to bring to anger alongside) (What happens when a Father does nothing or lives a lie and the child finds out – does that provoke anger?), **but bring them up** (rear up, maturity, nourish) **in the nurture** (tutor, educate, training – cultivate their mind and morals - disciplinary correction, chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture) **and admonition** (calling, attention, mild rebuke, warnings of) of the Lord.”

4. Men were created to be Father's for such a time as this.

- a. God given ground: Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15
 - 1) The Ground of Fatherhood includes:
 - a) Duty -
 - b) Defend -

c) Discern -

d) Disciple –

2) The home, the family is the training ground for the GROUND that God will give to every man and woman.

5. Fatherhood – God gave us a Vision that works:

a. “Fruitful” – Genesis 1:28

1) Fruitful means – The word simply means to bear fruit

2) Embrace – To EMBRACE this is to take hold of, to take up as special as a cause, to see this as important

3) God gave this high calling to man, a responsibility he is unable to do on his own. Why?

b. “Multiply” Genesis 1:28

1) Multiply means – The word again has a simple meaning – increase, become great

2) Engage – Very strong word here:

a) To ENGAGE - To bind oneself by a promise

b) To ENGAGE - To draw into, involve.

c) To ENGAGE - To enter into conflict with the enemy.

d) To ENGAGE - To interlock with, mesh together – implies strength

c. “Replenish” Genesis 1:28

1) Replenish means – The word means to fill, to be full of, to accomplish, confirm, to consecrate, to become.

2) Equip – To provide what is needed

3) How important is the filling up of our children?

d. “Subdue” – Genesis 1:28

1) Subdue means – The word simply means to conquer, keep under, to subdue

2) Established – Standing firm.

a) Ephesians 6:12-14 - “stand”?

3) How is it that you can stand?

a) Having been **EQUIPPED** with the armor because you have **ENGAGED with** the armor and found that it is exactly what you need, because you have **EMBRACED** Christ and His Victory over death and the grave and have learned to **STAND** because Christ has won the victory, you are **ESTABLISHED** in Him therefore you are Victorious, **ESTABLISHED**, standing firm in your faith.

6. Tonight’s Take Away:

a. Proverbs 29:18 – “Where there is no vision, the people (family) perish....”

1) What’s the application?