

MORE PROMISE

The last several weeks Doug has hit....

More....Passion, More Purpose, More Presence.

Truth is that GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MORE....More of anything that we need.

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Satan is the OPPOSITE of this....Here to take...author of LESS
Less Passion, Less Purpose, Less Fulfillment

John 10:10 (NIV)

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Our culture seems to be spiraling as we get farther away from God.

We get less and less....try for more satisfaction...but it doesn't satisfy

We live for our self....satan tricks us into settling for less....

God is the Author of MORE>>>>IT is his desire for us....

More Promise

Promise: Looking to the future and being hopeful.

A future full of promise.

Our future is our Kids/ Children

As a Church....Families are our Passion and Kids are our Priority

Not just a tagline - we do our best to live that out.

They are the future.....So we make them a priority now!!!

Mark 18:15-16 (New Living Translation)

15 One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him.

16 Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

The disciples viewed the kids as a distraction
Not to be seen or heard.

JESUS SAID NO.....LET THEM COME!!!

As a Parent we know there is nothing more valuable to us than our children.

Just because they are valuable it doesn't make parenting easy

If anything.....they are so valuable it makes it harder!!

There is no manual.....And no two kids are the same!!!

Proverbs 22:6 (New King James Version)

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

Train up a child.....IT'S HARD TO TRAIN!!!

Consistent Training is difficult

We don't want to mess them up... but it's difficult to be ON all the time!!!

Scripture tells us to Train them

Hebrews 12:11 (New Living Translation)

11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

I was a youth pastor for almost 15 years
I thought I was ready to be a parent...especially Teens

NOPE!! I WAS NOT PREPARED!!!

DO YOUR BEST

We all screw up.....PERFECTION ISN'T A REALITY
Parenting does not require perfection.

Our quality parenting isn't determined by a moment
It is determined through our CONSISTENCY

Do you best....ask God for help

Philippians 3:13-14 New Living Translation

13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

This Verse refocuses us on what is really important with our kids.
THE PRIZE.....ETERNITY.....HEAVEN

LEAD THEM TO GOD!!!

Our most important Role as a parent is to LEAD THEM TO GOD!!!!

Our role to Teach.....Train them up in the way they should go
Not the school's responsibility
Not culture....society

As parents WE MUST BE THE BIGGEST INFLUENCERS in our Kids lives!!!

Lead them to Truth

We must model and consistently lead them to God's truth....HIS WORD

Align them with God's word...NOT culture

IT STARTS WITH US.....OUR RESPONSIBILITY.....WE MAKE THE STAND!!!

We set the culture of our lives and our home

Joshua spoke to the Israelites who were worshiping false gods.

Made a powerful statement

Joshua 24:14-15 New Living Translation

14 “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

BUT AS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

God is offering MORE PROMISE than if I tried to parent without Him

I can only lead them to Christ.....then HE does HIS WORK

He Offers MORE PROMISE!!!

Not forcing them.....but LEADING THEM

