

## FEARFUL PARENTING VS. FAITHFUL PARENTING

**EPHESIANS 6:4** 

<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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1a. **Fearful** parents consider their child's safety and comfort as the ultimate priority.

1b. Faithful parents consider their child's salvation and sanctification as the ultimate priority.

2a. Fearful parents take a child's rejection personally and see their child's missed opportunities as negative experiences.

2b. **Faithful** parents trust God's sovereignty in rejection and find the teachable moments in their child's missed opportunities.

3a. Fearful parents see their child's accomplishments and failures as reflections of themselves.

3b. **Faithful** parents promote humility in success, perseverance in failure, and look to their Savior, not their kids, for peace, joy, and value.