

## ~Mommy Talks~

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### *What to Do When Rebellion Strikes*

**1 Samuel 15:23:** “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.”

1. What is Rebellion? How is it Different than Disobedience?

2. Identifying Rebellion.

3. Ideas for Dealing with Rebellion.

1. Write out the Scriptures.
2. Memorize God’s Word.
3. Share the Word.
4. Pray and fast.
5. Model “hummission.”
6. Seek out what is at the heart of rebellion.
7. Guard against unbiblical parenting methods.
8. Make them stick to you like glue.

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9. Don't laugh at sin.
10. Take advantage of their maturity.
11. Don't lose heart.
12. A word about crafting consequences.
13. Notice Joshua's Wise Dealings with Rebellious Achan from Joshua.
  - a. Joshua 7:16-18 Joshua slowly gathered information to determine the culprit. Joshua created an atmosphere of doom to bring about repentance. With littles, we will try to quickly deal out consequences, but with older children engaging in rebellion, then waiting to meet with Dad at the end of the day can be effective in softening their heart.
  - b. Joshua 7:19 Joshua spoke lovingly and urged Achan to repent. Joshua spoke the truth about Achan's sin.
  - c. Joshua 7:20-23 Achan confesses all, and Joshua verifies the story.
  - d. Joshua 7:24-26 Joshua follows through on the consequences. [This is where many parents fail to deal with rebellion effectively. They stop at confession, rather than moving onto consequences.] Generally, we try to discipline in private, but if there is a chance that rebellion can spread, then the discipline and consequences need to be a family matter so the rest can be fearful of sinning.
14. A word of wisdom.

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### Questions for Discussion

1. I made the comment that “*All rebellion is disobedience, but not all disobedience is rebellion.*” In what ways is rebellion different than disobedience? How are rebellion and disobedience the same? What is God’s solution for both? See Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9.
2. What are some ways you’ve seen rebellion in your home? How have you dealt with it?
3. *When* have you seen rebellion show up in your home? *When* does rebellion seem to thrive? If you generally know when rebellion may creep in, how can you be prepared to deal with it right away or deal with it beforehand?
4. What is your responsibility as a parent when it comes to dealing with rebellion? See Proverbs 22:6; Acts 26:18; James 5:19-20.
5. How have you seen the Word of God change a rebellious heart in your home?
6. What are some consequences you have used that have been effective in dealing with rebellion?
7. What are some ways you have learned to “investigate” a situation, so you won’t misjudge motives? What can you do if you completely blow it and assume rebellion when there isn’t any? See Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 5:24; Hebrews 4:15-16; James 5:16.