

The Most Important Place on Earth
Lesson 10

Lesson 9
Discipline

Be self disciplined and have confidence in knowing it's our responsibility to teach our children to be disciplined

Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

Romans 7:14-17

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

2Peter 1:3-6 (NLT)

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Homework was to play the “no” game....Can we talk??

Stacking cups--It takes a lot of time to build something but just a fraction of a second to tear it apart

You can always turn a no into a yes, but you can't turn a yes into a no

Chapter 9
Safe at Home
The Refuge You're Looking for

PEACE BE STILL

Anybody get nervous flying?

“Not Safe”

Tom Cruise in “Top Gun”---“This is not good...not good!”

Christ’s followers didn’t like turbulence either

Mark 4:37-39

³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

Our lives can be like that

Turbulent, frightening, overwhelming, full of stress and with a feeling we’re out of control

What a great message for us today.

Just as He did for his disciples he can speak into the night of our frightened hearts and calm the winds and the waves of our lives.

And, the message of this chapter is that we can do the same for all who enter our home by making it a safe sanctuary

SAFE AT HOME

Safety at home involves the way we treat each other...honor each other

A SAFE PLACE TO TELL THE TRUTH

Do we as parents create an environment where our children feel most comfortable coming to us to ask for guidance and advice?

Do we seek first to understand before we try to be understood?

Have we created an environment where our children know telling the truth, right away, the first time is ALWAYS THE RIGHT ANSWER?

WE’RE ON YOUR SIDE

Do our spouse and children know that we love them unconditionally and that we “have their back”?

A SAFE PLACE TO MAKE MISTAKES

Wolgemuth suffered a total business failure after 17 years of marriage and family net worth fell to zero. Wife didn’t berate him and chastise him. She reminded him that they were in this together and that they would get out of it together.

Our children need to know they have our support and encouragement too...sports, school, events, etc.

Be there, be encouraging and congratulate for trying
The other kids on the team or involved in the activity will appreciate your presence and support nearly as much

A SAFE PLACE TO ASK ANYTHING

Our homes must be a place where questions about the unthinkable are acceptable
If we haven't created that environment to allow for open communication about sex, drugs, alcohol, integrity, character, etc. we have some work to do to build trust, acceptance, and openness. We must learn not to overreact to situations and questions.
Ladies and gentlemen it's going on out there and our children are going to get information from someplace. Will it be us?

THINKING IS BEING

"For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7

The character traits we embrace determine who we become.

Zig Ziglar, "A person cannot consistently perform in a manner that is inconsistent with the way he sees himself."

You can take this to the bank: members of your family are likely to become what you think they'll become.

Our friend M

A safe home is a place where people always think the best of each other

A SHELTER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

We should make our home a sanctuary for all who need it

We'd encourage our children to have their friends over because we'd much rather have them at our house than someplace else

Growing up our neighbors Ralph and Marnie

Our first night together in Memphis, Aubrey and Glenda, peach cobbler

A Christian home is a safe place because God is there.

Psalm 91:1-2

¹ Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² This I declare about the Lord:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

If God is in our homes we can have comfort in the fact that if we answer His knock on the door of our home and in our life He will calm our storms