



At the heart of our vision is the desire to build bridges and build family. This resource is intended to be a tool that would help facilitate you, the spiritual leader of your family, to grow and develop your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. While not exhaustive, our prayer is that it would give you a place to start in effort to better steward your role as mom or dad.

What follows is a four-day devotional that loosely follows our Sunday sermon series. It includes a passage to read, a prompt or two to discuss together, and a prayer to offer in response to your time. These efforts are simply offered as helpful direction. Feel the freedom to adjust, shift, or redirect the focus as best fits the few moments you take with your kids before bedtime, after dinner, or whenever you choose to lead them in God's Word.

Day 1

Passage: Read Hebrews 12:1-6

Younger Prompt: When we become weary or fainthearted, who are we to consider? Why do you think it's good to focus on Him when feeling this way?

Older Prompt: Do you ever get tired and weary in your walk with God? Why does it sometimes feel this way, and how might it feel a bit like discipline?

Pray: Lord, thank you for allowing things in our lives that stretch us and make us grow. Help us to remember that you are our good Father, no matter what comes our way.

Day 2

Passage: Read Hebrews 12:7-11

Younger Prompt: Do loving fathers discipline their kids or let them do whatever they want? Why would a father that does not love his kids actually refuse to discipline them?

Older Prompt: How does discipline involve correction as well as training? How does doing hard things that require great faith prepare us for a stronger walk with God?

Pray: Lord, help us to walk in faith, trusting you even in the midst of hard things.

Day 3

Passage: Read Hebrews 12:12-14

Younger Prompt: How can we strive for peace (vs. 14)? What is a "root of bitterness" and how do we keep it from "springing up"?

Older Prompt: Why are things like striving for peace and avoiding bitterness so difficult to achieve? Why are these the things that often require us to be disciplined?

Pray: Lord, lift our drooping heads and strengthen our weak knees. Give us the diligence we need to grow in peace with those around us, and help us to not give up.

Day 4

Passage: Hebrews 12:15-17

Younger Prompt: Who was Esau? What did he do in Genesis 25:29-34 that demonstrated his foolish decision when he grew weary?

Older Prompt: What do we often want to do when we feel weary or fainthearted, demonstrated in Esau? How can we avoid this kind of response when faced with trials of various kinds?

Pray: Lord, give us strength from your Spirit to make wise decisions when faced with trials, and may we be strong in you, resolute to follow your ways.