

Faith Talk

Sunday. September 27, 2026

Series. Restore the Home

Sermon. A Biblical Legacy- Four Key Practices

Scripture. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. 7 Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Sermon Summary

The call for parents to disciple their children isn't a single command buried in one Old Testament passage — it runs from Deuteronomy through Proverbs, through Paul's letters, and into the story of a young man named Timothy whose faith was built at home by his mom and grandmother.

God's design has always been for the home to be the primary place faith is lived out and passed on, with the church coming alongside families as a partner, not a replacement. Research backs this up: the strongest predictors of a child keeping their faith into adulthood are almost entirely home-centered — regular Bible reading, family prayer, and everyday conversations about faith.

The good news is that 85% of Christian parents agree they are primarily responsible for their child's spiritual development. The bad news is that fewer than 10% have any intentional plan for making it happen. To help close that gap, four key practices form the foundation of a biblical legacy:

1. **Cultivate love for God-** Cultivate love for God by spending daily time with God, walking with Jesus, being renewed by the Spirit, and transformed by the Word.
2. **Consistent Faith Talks-** Faith Talks are intentional and consistent times set aside each week to impress the love of God and the truth of Scripture on those in your home.
3. **Capturing God Moments-** God Moments are informal opportunities that happen in everyday life to recognize and celebrate the presence and power of God.
4. **Committing to Milestones-** Milestones are key moments from birth to high school graduation that we equip parents and their child to grow in their faith in age-appropriate ways.

A child's foundational worldview is largely formed by age 13, making these years both the greatest window of opportunity and the enemy's greatest target. No plan is a perfect formula, and no parent controls the outcome — but we can control the input and trust God with the rest. Legacies aren't built by programs; they're built by intentional living out faith in everyday life.

Discussion Questions

Conversations with Adults

1. The sermon said 85% of Christian parents believe they are the primary spiritual influence on their kids, but fewer than 10% have an intentional plan. Why do you think there is such a big gap between what parents believe and what they actually do — and where do you find yourself in that gap?
2. Of the four practices — Cultivate love for God, Consistent Faith Talks, Capturing God Moments, and Commitment to Milestones — which one feels most natural in your home right now, and which one needs the most attention?
3. The sermon said quality time results from quantity time — teachable moments don't happen on schedule; they happen when you're already there. What rhythms or habits in your family create the most space for those unplanned moments?

Conversations with Youth

1. Timothy's faith was built largely by his mom and grandmother at home. Who are the people — inside or outside your family — who have had the biggest impact on your faith, and what did they actually do that made a difference?
2. The sermon talked about Capturing God Moments — times when you notice God's presence or power in everyday life. When was the last time something happened that made you think, "That was God" — and did you tell anyone about it?
3. Research says kids who read the Bible regularly are far more likely to have a strong faith as adults. Be honest: how does Bible reading fit into your normal week, and what makes it hard to be consistent?

Conversations with Kids

1. The sermon said God wants families to talk about Him all the time — when you're at home, in the car, going to bed, and waking up. What's one time during our day that we could talk about God more?
 2. A God Moment is when you notice God doing something in your life or around you. Can you think of a time recently when you saw God working — maybe an answered prayer, something beautiful, or a time you felt like God helped you?
 3. Timothy learned about God from his mom and grandma, who read the Bible with him at home. What's something you have learned about God from our family that you want to remember forever?
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Prayer

Father, **thank You** that You don't leave us without a plan; Your Word is full of the wisdom we need to build homes that pass on real, lasting faith. Thank You for the parents and grandparents who refused to let the chain of faith break on their watch, and for the legacy we have received because of their faithfulness.

We ask You to help us close the gap between what we believe about our responsibility and what we actually do — to move from good intentions to consistent, everyday action. Open our eyes this week to the God Moments already happening around us that we keep walking past.

We commit to being present, being intentional, and trusting You with the outcomes we cannot control. Build something in our homes that outlasts us. In Jesus' name, Amen.