

## Grace-Based Parenting

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs we'll ever do. There is more than *here and now* at stake. Parents play an eternal role in their children's lives. And we all tend to ask the same questions: Where do I start? How do I know if I'm getting it right? What is my ultimate goal? In this workshop, we'll look to the Ultimate Parent to see how we can parent our own children to become adults who love God, serve others, and make an eternal difference. We'll learn how to raise our children the way God raises His children (us) – guided by His truth and tempered by His grace! As we establish a grace-based philosophy of parenting, we'll look at some very important strategies and practical tactics to apply to our own children. You'll gain real time confidence and encouragement you can immediately apply to your family and your ministry.

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### 1. Grace based people give those they love the freedom to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

**-Proverbs 22:6**

### 2. Grace based people give those they love the freedom to be \_\_\_\_\_.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

**-2 Corinthians 12:9**

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **-Colossians 4:6**

**3. Grace based people give those they love the freedom to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **-Hebrews 4:16**

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. **-Hebrews 12:15**

**4. Grace based people give those they love the freedom to \_\_\_\_\_**

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My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

**-Hebrews 12:5-6**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **-Romans 5:8**