

IMPERFECT PARENTING Part 2

Connection Over Perfection

FAMILY CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (Genesis 1:26-28)

GOD BLESSES THEIR CONNECTION OF HONOR (Genesis 2:21-25)

FACE-TO-FACE CONNECTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF FAMILY (Genesis 2:7, Numbers 6:24-26, 2 Chronicles 7:14)

THE WAR ON CONNECTION AND THE BROKEN IMAGE (Genesis 3)

80% of people don't know what they need or how to articulate it, but 100% of people know how to get angry when they don't get it (Danny Silk)

(Genesis 4:6-12) *Then the Lord said to Cain, "**Why are you angry?** Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.**"*

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, **Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.**

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now **you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.**"

Why do people love punishment so much?

1. We feel naked and afraid (Genesis 3:1-10)
 - a) **Naked** = to be, make bare or exposed
 - b) **Shame** = disappointed, thrown into confusion, makes us feel like something is wrong
 - c) **Psychological and spiritual trauma** that makes us feel orphans, unprotected, powerless, and threatened which produces fear
2. We feel we need to **hide and blame** someone (Genesis 3)
3. **PAIN of PUNISHMENT = 1st act of violence bible** (Gen 4:13-14)

STRUCTURE OF CONNECTION: LOVE

1. Engaged Family Member
 - a) Rooted in biblical principles instead of emotions
 - b) Operating from love instead of fear
 - c) Operating from vision and purpose instead of reactions
 - d) Fighting to build, strengthen, and protect my connection with "us" versus "me"
2. Create a Family Culture Creed: What's your vision and the family culture you want to build?
 - a) What's the strength of our family?
 - b) What's the passion of our family?
 - c) What's the legacy of our family? What will be famous for when people are around us?
3. Get in the thinking mode not fighting mode!!!
 - a) Go Brain Dead then THINK
 - b) Use Love and Logic One Liners
 - 1) "Oh no"
 - 2) "No problem"
 - 3) "What are you going to do?"
 - 4) "Fun to be with"

- 5) "I know"
 - 6) "Probably so"
 - 7) "That could be"
 - 8) "I don't know"
 - 9) "Nice try"
- c) Smile while you're saying it

Think about it:

1. Who's taking ownership and leadership of your family culture so you don't conform to the world around you?
2. Is Aloha required to enter your home or do you allow ungodly qualities and character traits to live under the safe roof as you?
3. On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being unhealthy and 10 being healthy, how would you rate the connection and culture with people in your family?
4. What's your immediate family's top 2 Love Language and DISC?

So what? Now what?

1. What are you going to do to increase your level of leadership and ownership to choose and create a family culture in your family or home, no matter what anyone else is doing around you?
2. What are the qualities and character traits you want to protect in your family and/or home? What are you going to do to model that for your kids/family?
3. How are you going to create a healthy connection and culture to train your kids/family with the tools and character to live your family culture when at school, practice, with friends, potential boyfriends, and girlfriends, and ultimately launch out into the world?
4. What are you doing to use the 5 Love Languages and DISC to make your family feel connected and loved?
 - a) Speaking in another person's love language is the most direct way to be seen, heard, and valued.
 - b) Encourage each family member to know what the love languages are and know each other's love language.
 - c) Remember, families, are starving for connections.

