

Relating to Family

2019-07-14 by Ben Deaver at Tallgrass Church on Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Baby Celebration:

- Annabella Wyche – Ryan Wyche and Krystal Rose – Alyah – Dave Geldart prays
- Miles Whiteaker – Travis and Rachel Whiteaker – Axel, Zane – Ricky Greeve prays
- Parker and Reed Swanson – Chris and Effie Swanson – Cade – Bill Bickmeier prays
- Magnolia Kaye Renberg – David and Nikki Renberg – Summer, Finn, Jude – Maris Deaver prays

Mingle Question:

What's your EDC (everyday carry)? What do you put in your pockets or purse to take with you almost every single day? *SLIDE!!!*

TGY Glorieta Trip Video & Testimonies!

Relating Sermon Series

Relating to... Wordcloud List: Soul/Self, God, Scripture, Disciples, Friends, Technology, Past, Culture, Sexuality, Enemy, Money, Neighbors, Church, Earth, Body, Politics, Family

Relating to Family

- This is a strategic priority for our church plant this year—FAMILY investment!!!
- The number of children we have in Tallgrass Church is a unique and exciting aspect of our church plant.
- More conversations about things that matter! That would be success for today!!!

Please turn to page 87 in your ESV giveaway Bible! Have kids read.

The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

- Tallgrass Mission Statement: Because God first loved us, we exist to love God and love our neighbors.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

- Tell me about a typical day in your home.
- When do you sit in your house?
- When and where do you walk?
- When do you go to bed?
- When do you wake up in the morning?
- These are all opportunities to get God's words into your heart! He's your Creator. He has so much to say to you. He even has more to say to you than your phone, or your watch, or Alexa, or Google, or Paw Patrol, or

Ninjago, or Curious George, or Odd Squad, or Power Rangers, or Liv and Maddie, or Stranger Things, or CNN or Fox News or anything or anyone else or anyTHING else that is pulling for your attention.

- Kids, how amazing would it be if sometime when your parents gave you a screen to watch one of your favorite shows so they can get something done, you instead asked if you could talk about the Bible together?!?! That would be a modern day miracle!!!
- Kids, I want you to ask your parent questions that make them go dig into the Bible to help you find answers...together!
- Kids, I want you to ask your parents why they are doing what they do...or why they aren't doing what they're not doing...or why they are doing what they don't want to do...or why they are not doing what they want to do.
- "...these words that I command you today..."—Remember when God...
 - The commandments of God are wrapped up in stories about how God has provided for Israel.
 - Salvation history
 - The stories of God's good words and God's good deeds!
 - We need to remember what God has done so we can do what God tells us to do and look forward to what God will do.
 - So much of our conversation should be wrapped up in telling these stories of God's goodness, stories from the Bible, stories from church history, and stories from one another's lives!
 - Remember what God did?!?!
 - Remember when we planted a new church and God showed up?
 - Remember when...
 - Remember when...
 - Remember when...
 - Deuteronomy 6:10-12
 - Deuteronomy 6:20-22
 - Deuteronomy 6:23-25
 - Deuteronomy 10:18-19 ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Two Birds

- Two fallen birds at our house. Prayer that night. The kids checked on the birds in the morning. Read the passage this morning, or at least attempted to. The parents are taking care of the birds. Our Father is taking care of us!
 - **Matthew 10:29-31** ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.
 - This reminds me that we have so much more of God's words available to us than the Israelites did when Deuteronomy was written!
- There are teachable moments left and right, minute by minute. Seize those teachable moments...and teach!
 - When you're worrying...teach what God says about worry. Tell the story of Jesus asleep in the boat while the waves crashed all around Him...and He wasn't worried...so He can help you with your worry.
 - When you're angry or your child is angry...teach them about what God says about anger...and how he wants to help you both deal with anger problems.
- Conversations that linger...with your kids!
 - Checkout Dennis McCallum's talk on *Simple Living* from XSI 2019!
 - How about conversations that linger with other's kids?!?!
- **Romans 5:8** ...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Israelite's EDC

Deuteronomy 6:8-9 ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- I love this picture of discipleship in the home. I'm assuming this is a father with his son.
- From Wikipedia: Tefillin, or phylacteries, are a set of small black leather boxes containing scrolls of parchment inscribed with verses from the Torah. In Rabbinic Judaism, which is the predominant form of Judaism today, tefillin are worn by observant adult Jews during weekday morning prayers. In Orthodox communities, they are only worn by men, while in non-Orthodox communities, they may be worn by men and women.
- **Jeremiah 31:33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

What's your EDC, your everyday carry?

- What do you wear on your body that helps remind you of things? Necklaces, earrings, rings, wristbands, t-shirts, Smartphones, Bluetooth headsets, etc.
- My EDC: iPhone, Apple Watch, pocket knife, glasses, some sort of bracelet thingy...
- How will we compete with our Smartphones to shape our hearts and souls?

Thanks for joining me kids! Please go sit with your parents and I'll talk to them just a little bit longer.

Raising Spiritual Champions

- Parents, you might be wondering, where's a one stop shop for the character traits I can instill in my kids? Good question. Let's checkout a quick list in 1 Timothy 3.
- **1 Timothy 3:2-3** ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
 - God's design for family—Your kids are watching your marriage. Others are watching your marriage. Conversations about your child's sexuality should probably begin much sooner than you'll be comfortable having those conversations.
 - Manage self
 - Remember Karate Kid?!?!
 - Be hospitable to outsiders
 - One small win: Maddox calling out from the bathroom, "Hey dad, invite so and so to LIFE Group!"
 - Reed's adoption—What an impact on Cade!
 - Bill's hospitality...the kids need to see that and engage with it. What an investment in my kids is Bill Bickmeier's hospitality.
 - Teacher of God's way
 - Tender strength
 - Extravagantly generous
 - Compassion Children
 - Auto Care Ministry
- What would happen if every family in Tallgrass Church did something radically transformational?
 - We want to build towards effecting great change as a whole church...but what if?
- *Revolutionary Parenting* by George Barna—Let's raise our kids to become spiritual champions!
- Mary Beth Gladwell's breakout session *Christ Over Your Child's Character* from XSI 2019

1 Action Step & 2 Questions:

- Choose a time of day and place for conversations as a family.
- Adults, what could happen in MHK and beyond if we raised spiritual champions?
- Kids, what could happen in MHK and beyond if you became a spiritual champion?
- Discuss as a family unit or in groups of 2-5.

Resources:

- *Revolutionary Parenting* by George Barna
- XSI 2019 Breakout Sessions

PRAY!!!

Q&R&Testimonies

Songs:

1. Take Courage
2. Come Thou Fount
3. The Benediction

The Chopping Block:

4 Parenting Styles

- <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/effective-biblical-discipline/effective-child-discipline/effective-child-discipline>

Leadership and Parenting on Andy Stanley Leadership Podcast

- <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/andy-stanley/leadership-and-parenting-zVlpPOsTE5r/>
- <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/andy-stanley/leadership-and-parenting-7imFEuUDtJb/>
- Being a father or mother is the only unique leadership role you have.
- The moment you become a parent leadership begins...and you have to be engaged.
- Four stages of parentings
 - Disciplines Years (1-5)
 - Discipline disobedience, dishonesty, and disrespect
 - And celebrate obedience, honesty, and respect!
 - Training Years (5-12)
 - Teach the why behind the what.
 - Connect behaviors to the broader world.
 - Coaching Years (12-18)
 - Little more on sidelines.
 - Connecting more than correcting.
 - Sometimes we yank them off the field to coach them up.
 - Allow for natural consequences.
 - Don't freak out.
 - Friendship Years (18+)
 - They want to come home even when they don't have to come home.
 - Family Goals
 - Not about behavior but about the type of relationships desired.
 - Children who want to be with us and each other when they no longer have to be.
 - Parent with this goal in view.
 - We don't want perfectly behaved kids who don't want to come home.
 - Honor over obedience
 - If you're asking what the rules are it's usually because you're looking for work arounds. Keep the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law. Grace-motivated behavior vs. law-motivated behavior
 - Two Rules
 1. Honor your mother and sister
 2. Thou shalt not lie
 - Discipline towards restoration of relationship

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

¹⁸You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- This Household Code comes right before the lengthiest section in the New Testament on spiritual warfare. Hmm... I wonder if there's a reason?!?!

Psalm 131

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
 my eyes are not raised too high;
 I do not occupy myself with things
 too great and too marvelous for me.
²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
 like a weaned child with its mother;
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.
³O Israel, hope in the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Colossians ^{ESV}

Chapter 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Chapter 2

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Chapter 3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Chapter 4

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—
⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.