

Parenting 101

Love 'Em Like Jesus Loves You

Sunday, August 26, 2012

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Parenting Principle #1:

As Jesus has been to me, so I must be to my children.

What has Jesus done for you?

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| Matthew 19:13-15 | Makes ROOM for you in his life |
| Acts 2:39 | Calls you |
| John 3:16 | Saves you |
| John 17:20 | Prays for you |
| Matthew 28:20b | Promises to be with you |
| John 8:11a | Forgives you |
| John 8:11b | Corrects and redirects you ("Go and sin no more.") |
| Luke 10:1-12 | Sends you into service |
| Jeremiah 29:11 | Propels you into a hope filled future |
| Luke 15:20 | Keeps the porch light on. |

What else can you think of that Jesus has done for you?

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)

"Let this same mind be in you."

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Be Transformed by Renewing our Mind and Abiding in Christ.

Two Things to Do:

1. Be transformed.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2, NIV)

Don’t be squeezed into the pattern of this world.

Be ‘transformed’ (that is, ‘made new’) by the ‘renewing’ of your mind.

How do we ‘renew’ our minds?

- Scripture -- read, listen, use music
- Prayer -- all-the-time communication with God
- Community -- get on the Phos Train! (Being a Christ follower and raising children is a team sport at PCC.)
- Buddies -- over the coming months, build Christ centered friendships with one or two that you can really walk with

2. Abide. (See John 15.)

Take Home Message:

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Call(s) to Action:

- Go serve as a family today at Ironman.
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- Figure out one way you can invest 15 minutes to ‘abide’ in Christ this week and then do it!
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