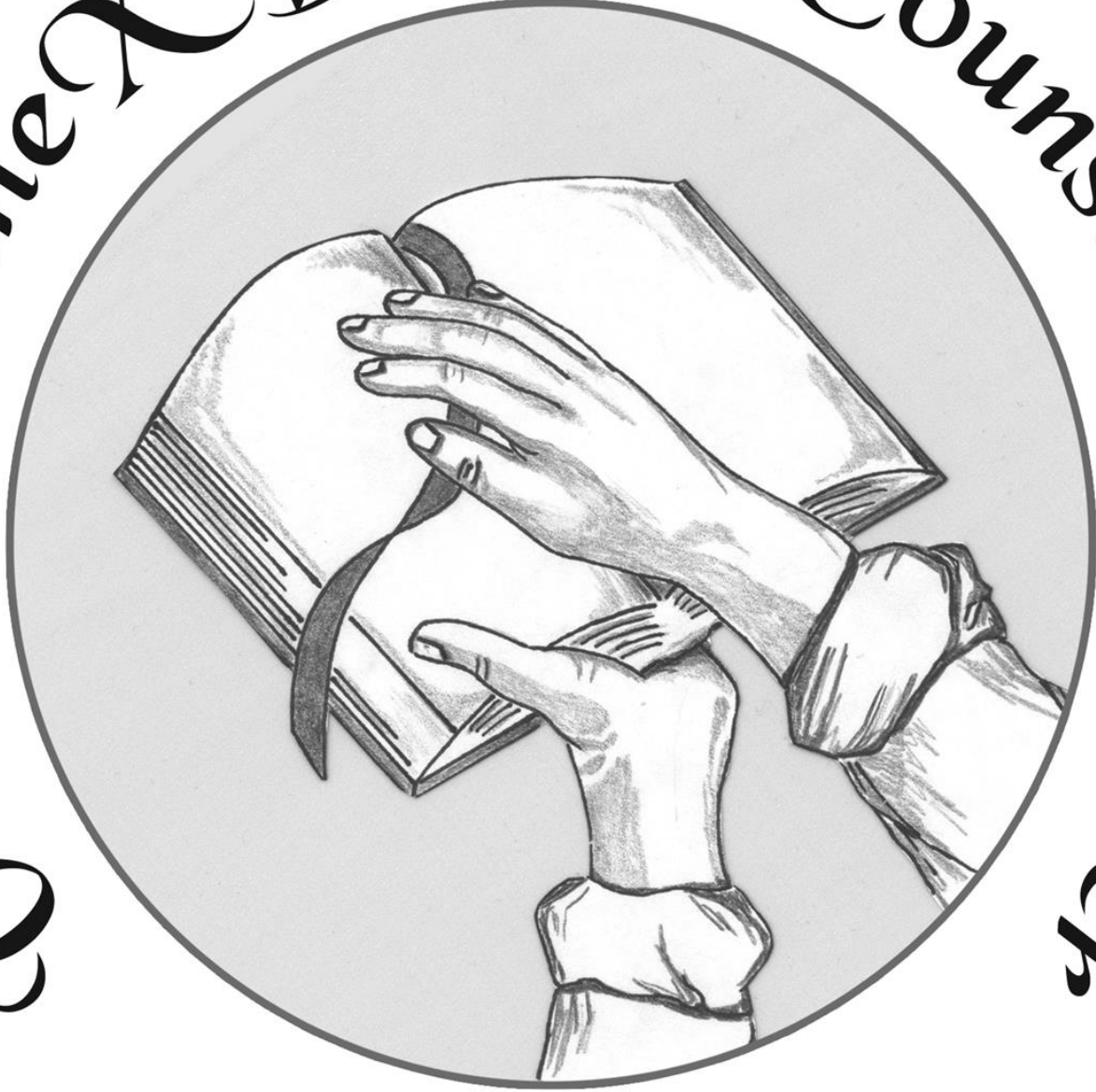


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Shepherding Children Through Crisis: Faith

Foundational Truth: Parents are the rightful authority over their children.

- ¹ 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.”

Ephesians 6:1-3 (ESV)

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- As any earthly authority this authority is a conditional authority exercised under God's authority.
 - ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

The crucial work of shepherding a child into the Faith.

- Begin with prayer
 - The power of praying scripture;
 - Psalm 1

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- Continue with Discipline
 - Active, intentional, consistent instruction based on the Word of God
 - Proverbs 2:1; 3:1; 4:1,2,10,20; 5:1,7; 6:20; 7:1,24
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-7
 - Guidance in appropriate application of the instruction.
 - Proverbs 4:10-12

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- Continue with Discipline
 - Constraint of sinful behavior
 - Galatians 3:19-24

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- Continue with Discipline
 - Guide to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 2 Timothy 3:14-15
 - John 1:12

The crucial work of shepherding a child into the Faith.

- Continue with Discipline
 - Embrace the responsibility as the one primarily responsible to facilitate your child's spiritual growth.
 - ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. *Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)*

When questions and challenges about the Faith come from our children.

- Stand firm in the fact that the Word of God provides sufficient and superior guidance.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Understand the supportive nature of God's church
 - Acts 4:32

When our children rebel against the Faith.

- Luke 15:11-32
 - Resist the temptation to save them from the consequences of their actions.
 - Always be open to their repentant return
 - Be sensitive to the other children who have not rebelled