

SC Church 6.28.2026

18 Summers  
Setting the Example

- A. Intro: What kinds of principles were passed down to you?
- B. Big Idea: Set the Example and Lead the Way!
- C. Scripture: Psalm 119:97-104 NLT – <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long. <sup>98</sup> Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. <sup>99</sup> Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws. <sup>100</sup> I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments. <sup>101</sup> I have refused to walk on any evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your word. <sup>102</sup> I haven't turned away from your regulations, for you have taught me well. <sup>103</sup> How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. <sup>104</sup> Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.
- D. How do we maximize the 18 summers as we Lead our Families?
  - a. Love God's Instructions
    - i. Psalm 119:97 NLT – <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long.
    - ii. Mark 12:30 NLT – <sup>30</sup> And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.
    - iii. John 14:21 NLT – <sup>21</sup> Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."
  - b. Think about God's Word Often
    - i. Psalm 119:97b – I think about them all day long.
    - ii. Psalm 119:15 NLT – <sup>15</sup> I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways.
    - iii. Joshua 1:8 NLT – <sup>8</sup> Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.
    - iv. One of the great forms of tragedy is to be successful in all the things that don't matter. - Tim Tebow
    - v. Psalm 119:98-100 NLT – <sup>98</sup> Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. <sup>99</sup> Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws.

<sup>100</sup> I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments.

- vi. Romans 8:5-6 NLT – <sup>5</sup> Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

c. Refuse to Follow the Enemy and his Evil Ways

- i. Psalm 119:101 NLT – <sup>101</sup> I have refused to walk on any evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your word.
- ii. Acts 13:22 NLT – <sup>22</sup> But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’
- iii. Psalm 101:2-4 NLT – <sup>2</sup> I will be careful to live a blameless life— when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. <sup>3</sup> I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. <sup>4</sup> I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil.
- iv. Job 31:1 NLT – <sup>1</sup> “I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.
- v. Psalm 119:103-104 NLT – <sup>103</sup> How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. <sup>104</sup> Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.
- vi. John 10:10 NLT – <sup>10</sup> The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

E. Close: Who is watching your example?

- a. Psalm 19:14 NLT – <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
- b. Next Steps
  - i. Memorize: Psalm 19:14 NLT – <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
  - ii. Think: Am I the same person at church as I am at home, my job or at school?
  - iii. Action: Live a life of integrity – be the same person no matter who you are with or where you are.