

*Deuteronomy 6:1-2*

*1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess 2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.*

- **Getting married and raising children will magnify character deficiencies.**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

*4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Shema (Sha-mah) = to hear, to listen

kol (kole) = an entirety of being, whole, complete, all-encompassing

- **The “loves of your heart” are known by those closest to you.**

*Deuteronomy 6:6-9*

*6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

- **The home is to be the primary *location* of your formation.**

What did this look like in our home?

-- Family mealtime = “life lessons with Dad”, “life lessons with mom”,  
creating an environment where spiritual convos were normal

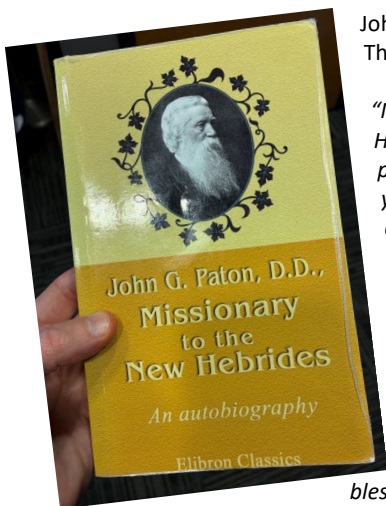
-- Serving God together as much as possible

-- Prioritizing spiritually formative environments and experiences  
(youth group, Ignite Camp, mission trips, Passion Conference, worship nights, prayer room)

Helpful resources:

*Raising Boys* by John & Stasi Eldredge

*Raising Girls* by John & Stasi Eldredge



John is in his 20's and leaving home to attend divinity school. The train station is a 40-mile walk from the house.

*"My dear father walked with me the first six miles of the way. His counsels and tears and heavenly conversation on that parting journey are fresh in my heart as if it had been but yesterday [writing this 40 years later]; and tears are on my cheeks as freely now as then, whenever memory steals me away to the scene. For the last half mile or so we walked on together in almost unbroken silence ...*

*His lips kept moving in silent prayers for me; and his tears fell fast when our eyes met each other in looks for which all speech was vain! We halted on reaching the appointed parting place; he grasped my hand firmly for a minute in silence, and then solemnly and affectionately said: 'God bless you, my son!*

*Your father's God prosper you, and keep you from all evil!'*

*Unable to say more, his lips kept moving in silent prayer; in tears we embraced, and parted. I ran off as fast as I could; and, when about to turn a corner in the road where he would lose sight of me, I looked back and saw him still standing with head uncovered where I had left him – gazing after me. Waving my hat in adieu, I rounded the corner and out of sight in an instant. But my heart was too full and sore to carry me further, so I darted into the side of the road and wept for a time. Then, rising up cautiously, I climbed the dyke to see if he yet stood where I had left him; and just at that moment I caught a glimpse of him climbing the dyke and looking out for me! ...*

*I watched through blinding tears, till his form faded from my gaze; and then, hastening on my way, vowed deeply and oft, by the help of God, to live and act so as never to grieve or dishonor such a father and mother as he had given me." (pp. 25-26)*

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