Parenting Through a Crisis

Wilson Adams · Psalm 91:1–4

INTRODUCTION

- When you go through uncertain times, like we have gone through uncertain times, we need to be reminded that God's in control.
- Our kids and our grandkids are watching to see how mom and dad and grandma and grandpa handle all of this. And they will remember.
- This is our time to draw closer to Him so that our children can see that our faith is real.

1 We've Got to Stick Together

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

- Two are better than one. Because they have a good return for their labor, for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion.
- A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.
- We have to view our family as a bundle. And with God at the centerpiece of that family, we cannot be broken.
- We may bend a little as we go through the hard times of life, but we're not going to be broken.

2 Guide Our Children's Emotions

1 Thessalonians 2:7–11; Proverbs 22:6; Romans 15:4

- As moms and dads, we have to help guide our children's emotions.
- Our kids carry a very wide range of emotions. And they're not going to understand everything.
- When you train your child, you better know your child. Because what works with one is not going to work with the other one.
- We have to get down on their level and talk about their stuff and their fears and what is true versus what isn't true.
- Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that we through the perseverance and encouragement of the scriptures might have hope.

3 We Must Stay Connected With Our Spouse

Ephesians 5:25

- It puts a strain on a marriage. Marriages are strained.
- As spouses, we need to keep check with one another, and we need to check in with each other.
- You and your spouse have got to be on the same page and pray for one another and pray with one another.
- Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church.

- That mom and dad really do love each other. They're really committed to each other. And that will help them more than anything get through this.

4 We Have to Guide Our Own Emotions

Mark 12:31

- We have to make sure we're okay. I can't help my kids. If my faith, if my responses, if my reactions aren't what they should be, how am I going to help them?
- You have to take care of yourself first so you can take care of them.
- When I get to that point, that's when trust kicks in. That's when faith has to kick in.
- This family's always done. We put our trust in God. And we're going to keep trusting in God.
- In times of crises, leaders step up. And as moms and dads, we're leaders.

5 We Must Remember Who Is in Control

Psalm 29:10; Psalm 57:1

- We have to remember there's one that doesn't change. God doesn't change. And he's been in control all along.
- The Lord sat as king at the flood.
- It means we have to put our faith and trust in God. Because that's what Noah and his family did.
- And in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge until the destruction passes by.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And it's up to us to tune into the scriptures. And trust in God. Because little eyes are watching us.**

MY NOTES