A Wise Parent - Class #5
Walking Through Conflict and Disappointment

Conflict

Why do we have conflict?

- *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. James 4:1-3*

Why is parent-child conflict loaded? What do we do when we are in conflict with child?

What if it is extended?

- *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Romans 12:18*

Work against angry conflict (but it will happen!)

- *In your anger, sin not. Ephesians 4:26*

Timing? Similar to discipline, the age befits the delay. What about that sun going down…

How can we as parents help us (you and your child) move towards repentance and reconciliation?

- "Clean Slate"
- Be the Chief Repenter. In marriage, in parenting.
- God's kindness leads us to repentance – Romans 2:4b

When I have caused the conflict or otherwise sinned against what do I do?

- *Acknowledge Limitations*

- Point to the Cross
- *For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. Romans 7:15-20*

Older versus younger child?

- *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.1 John 1:9*

Sibling conflict?

How do I help children when they have conflict outside family

Disappointment

How do I help child when they experience disappointment. Especially if I have disappointed them?

- God's Providence. Genesis 50:20. Romans 8:28
- God's Mercy
- God's Assurance
- Acknowledge Limitations
- Contentment & Gratitude
- What to avoid? What to do?

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