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# PARENTING: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

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God's formation of us  
through parenting is  
not an event, but a  
life-long process...  
**and we are  
dependent on Him  
every step of the way**



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“There is nothing more important to consistent, faithful, patient, loving and effective parenting than to understand what God has given you in the **grace** of his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

*Paul David Tripp*

# Grace

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“...another word for God’s favor. Grace is not something you earn; it’s something you receive through faith in Christ. Grace is an endless supply of “I forgive you” and “I support you”





Past Grace

We have been forgiven  
because of Jesus

Future Grace

There's a place in eternity  
waiting for us

Present Grace

Benefits of the work of  
Christ for those of us  
living between the  
*already* (past grace) and  
the *not yet* (future grace)

# *Present Grace*

is the grace we  
need when we are  
parenting our  
children



For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this is not from  
yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.

*Ephesians 2:8-9*



*Gods Grace*

...opens our  
eyes to see  
ourselves  
as we  
actually are



*Gods Grace*

...frees us  
from  
having to  
deny our  
weakness

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.



2 Corinthians 12:9



*Gods Grace*

...RESCUES  
us from  
ourselves

## ***Stop & Reflect:***

- *Think about a time you needed God's PRESENT GRACE in your parenting*
- *It could be one incident or a pattern in your parenting*
- *Jot it down on a 3x5 card*

# **DISCUSSION:**

*Share with your table about  
the time(s) when you needed  
God's PRESENT GRACE  
in your parenting*



*Gods Grace*

...grows  
and  
changes  
us as  
parents

As a father has compassion on his  
children, so the Lord has  
compassion on those who fear him

*Psalm 103:13*

“There are no able people out there. They don’t exist. And they surely don’t exist as parents. God did not create human beings to be independently able; he designed us to be dependent. It is not a sign of personal weakness or failure of character to feel unable as a parent. The reason you feel this way is because it’s true!”

*Paul David Tripp*

“He isn’t working so that your life as a parent would be easy, predictable, and free from struggle. He calls you to do the impossible so that in your search for help, you would find more than help - you would find Him.”

*Paul David Tripp*



God's greatest gift to  
us is *Himself...*

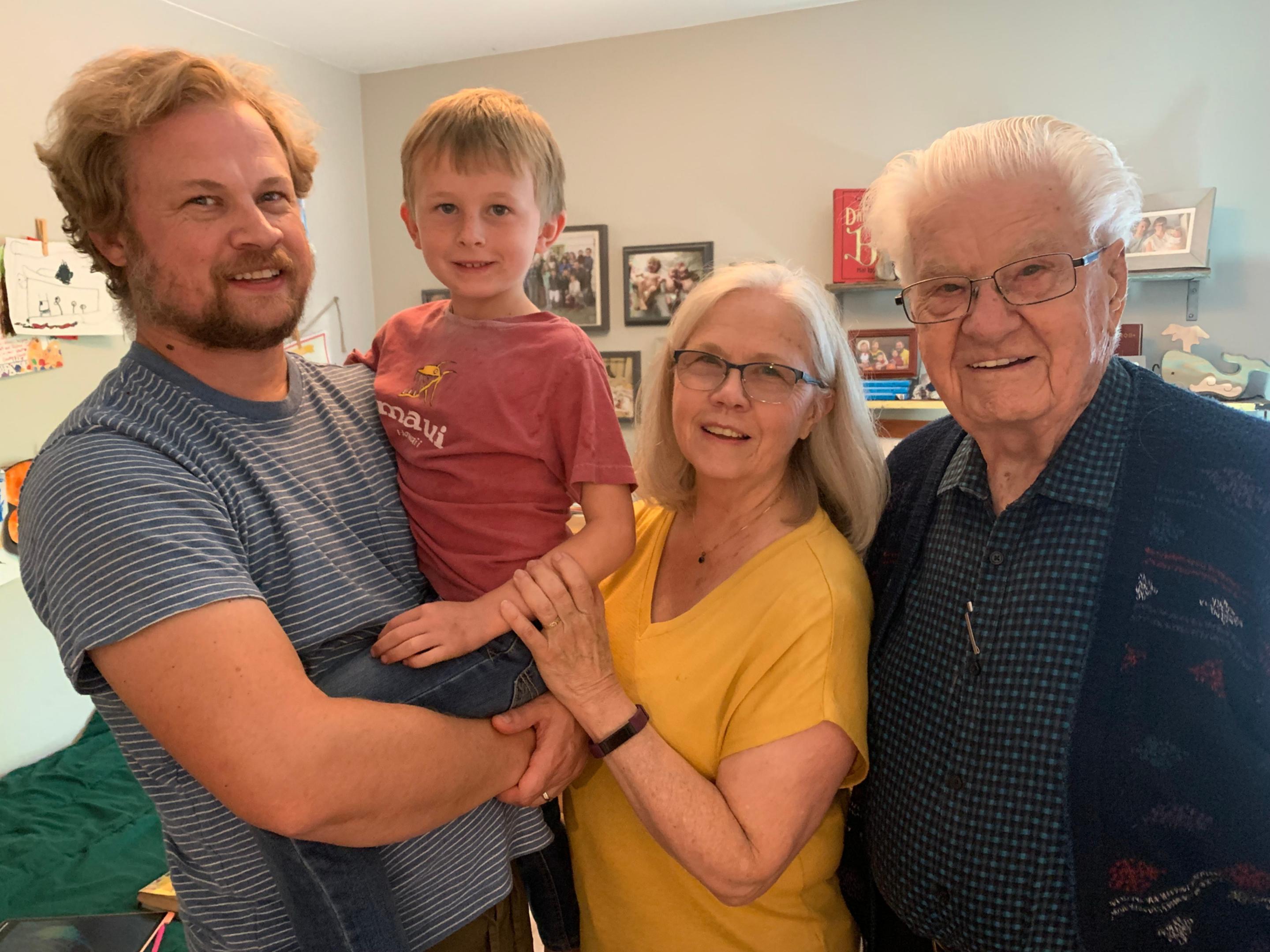
and **what makes**  
**parenting possible**  
**is GOD IN YOU**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

“To pray is to accept that we are,  
and always will be,  
**wholly dependent on God**  
for everything.”

*Tim Keller*





# Prayer Stations

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

*Philippians 4:6*

Continue steadfastly in **prayer**, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

*Colossians 4:2*

**Pray** without ceasing.

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in **prayer**.

*Romans 12:12*

And I tell you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

*Luke 11:9*





Confession:  
admitting our  
need for God

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:9*

*PRAYER as  
dependence*



## ***Stop & Reflect:***

- *Think about how God has grown/changed you through your parenting journey so far*
- *Write it out on one of the 3x5 card's at your table*



***DISCUSSION:***  
*Share with your table one  
way God has used  
parenting to grow or  
change you*



*Gods Grace*

...works to  
make your  
heart  
tender

# *God's Grace Is a Gift*

## **You can't earn it**

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## **You can't buy it**

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## **You can only receive it.**

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