

# Parenting With Promise

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What is it we want for our children?

- Love God
- Love your neighbour as you love yourself

## Sinners...

- We, as parents... are sinners!
- Our children are also sinners!

*“Do you presume upon the riches of God’s kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that GOD’S KINDNESS is meant to lead you to repentance?”*

## God is THE perfect Father...

*And from him “every family... And all fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives its name.”*

- God alone knows how to deal with sinners
- “Our task as parents is to observe God... And to submit to him, as Father... And to represent his Fatherhood to our children.”

- We don’t need to try and BE God to our children

*“All things have been created through him... And for him.”*

- Our children belong to God
- Don’t make ‘gods’ out of our children

## One clear instruction...

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*



But what might this mean?

## Love God and Love one another...

- Read to them (Deuteronomy 6:7)
- Listen to them
- Attend to their needs
- Treat them as responsible people
- Spend time with them
- Be expectant of them

## Covenant...

- God takes the initiative
- Forgiven us
- Transferred us
- Adopted us
- New heart
- New Spirit
  - ...COVENANT PROMISE!!!

*"...for the forgiveness of sins... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..."*



## Doubts and fears...

*"God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-control."*

## Our Father...

- God always has the next generation in his heart and mind...

### A Scenario...

- He will Father us, and our children, with mercy and compassion... fatherly discipline... love... forgiveness... and grace!

## Parenting with promise...

*Under God's covenant faithful and promises...*

- We are not primarily...
  - ...to have faith in our children
- Nor
  - ...to have faith in our parenting
- But,
  - ...to have faith in God, the Father, FOR our children