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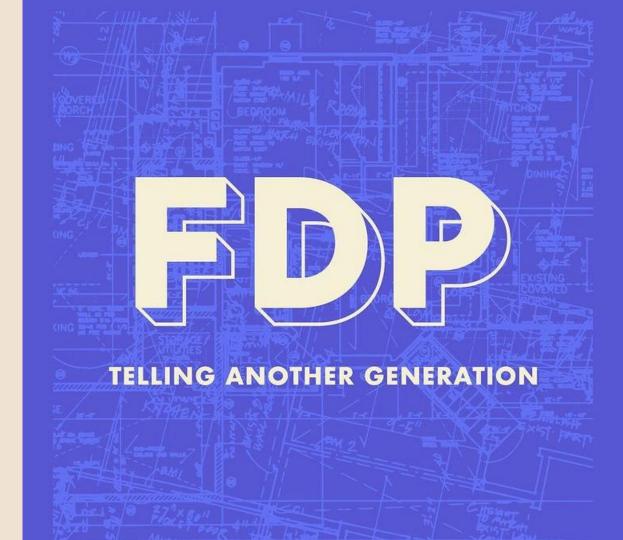
# Family Discipleship



LEADING YOUR HOME THROUGH TIME, MOMENTS, & MILESTONES

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WHY is the **family** the primary place where <u>discipleship</u> takes place?

Why is that God's good design?



No one spends more time with your child than you.

No one knows your child as individually as you.

No one loves your child as unconditionally as you.

No one has more <u>influence</u> on your child than you.



HOW can we be faithful stewards of this time/influence?

For WHAT purpose does God want/command us to utilize it?



Make disciples of your children

**Teach** God's Word diligently to your children

**Talk** about God's Word in everyday life together

**Put reminders** of God's Word all around them

**Commend** God's mighty works to your children

**Tell** them about His might & His glorious deeds

**Train** them in His discipline & instruction

Be diligent to **discipline** your children

**Provide** for your children

Manage your household well

Keep your children **submissive** with all dignity

Do NOT provoke your children to anger

Live **peace**ably with your children

Show **compassion** to your children

Be **gentle** with your children

**Serve** your children in love

Be affectionately desirous of them

**Give** yourself for them

**Treat** them like you would yourself

**Confess** your sins against them

**Pray** for your children

Give **thanks** for your children



#### 1 Corinthians 13

Be **patient** with your children **Bear with** your children

Do <u>NOT</u> be **arrogant** or **irritable Believe** for them

Be **kind** to your children **Hope** for them

Do NOT be **resentful** or **rude** Endure with them

NEVER stop loving them



#### **One Another Verses**

Love Be Honor Fo Greet Be

Welcome

Show Hospitality

Agree

Live in Harmony

Be at Peace

Be kind

Forgive

Bear with Comfort

Care

**Confess Sins** 

Pray

Encourage

Instruct

Teach

Sing Do Good

Serve

Wait

Be Humble

Submit

Speak Truth

Don't Judge

Don't Provoke

Don't Envy

Don't Speak Evil

Don't Grumble

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### 2 Timothy 3:16–17

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for **every** good work."



### Family Discipleship Model

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#1 – FOUNDATION –
#2 – MODELING –
#3 – TIME –
#4 – MOMENTS –
#5 – MILESTONES –
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### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

[4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.



# "God is an eternal **community** of love" – Tim Mackie



### Family Discipleship

## FOUNDATION

"Glorify God Together"



### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

[4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD **our God**, the LORD is one.



#### **Psalm 100:3**

"Know that the LORD, **he is God!** It is he who made us, and **we are his**; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."



### Family Discipleship is Creator-surrendered image-bearing!



#### **FOUNDATION QUESTIONS**

- Is your family oriented around the reality & supremacy of God? Is that felt or unfelt culturally?
- 2. Do your children know the **purpose** of your family?
- 3. Have you ever written a family **mission** statement or made a list of **values** for your family to embody?

### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

[5] You shall **love** the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.



### Family Discipleship

## MODELLING

"Love God Personally"



#### Matthew 6:33

"But <u>seek first</u> the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."



You have to **be** a disciple to make disciples.



# Family Discipleship is incarnational image-bearing.



#### 1 Corinthian 11:1

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."



### You are **always** disicpling.



To **model** a love for God, a parent must first be present, reliable, & relatable.



Jesus is the perfect model of your home.



#### **MODELLING QUESTIONS**

- 1. Are you growing in a **love** for God personally? Are you IN God's Word enough for it to come OUT?
- 2. Are you serving as a godly **example** for your family, modeling a life of faith & repentance?
- 3. Do you have a **relationship** with your kids? Is it normal for you to talk about your faith together?



### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

[7] You shall **teach** them <u>diligently</u> to your children...



# Discipleship **TIME** doesn't happen by accident. You must be **intentional** & **planful**.



### Family Discipleship

## TIME

"Regularly Plan Teaching"



time into the rhythm of your family's life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, & living out the gospel.



### **2 Timothy 3:16**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training** in righteousness."



We cannot hope to make disciples of our children without infusing regular time in **God's Word** into our family life together.



### **Infusing God's Word**

Meals – prayer & Bible reading (or MV song)

Bedtime – Bible storybook & catechism songs

School – start with a devotional or blessing

Commutes – worship & kids podcasts



### **TIME QUESTIONS**

- 1. Are you intentionally **building** any FD time together besides going to church on Sundays?
- 2. Are you diligently **sharpening** your children with the Word of God? When is good doctrine imparted?
- 3. Is there any time you already share together that could be consistently & intentionally **leveraged**?



### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

... and shall **talk** of them when you <u>sit</u> in your house, and when you <u>walk</u> by the way, and when you <u>lie down</u>, and when you <u>rise</u>.



## Family Discipleship

# MOMENTS

"Presently Ask Questions"



# Some of the best parenting we'll ever do begins with **prayer**.



Discipleship **MOMENTS** won't happen by accident. You must be **prayerful** & **present**.



#### **MOMENTS QUESTIONS**

- 1. Are you capturing & **leveraging** opportunities in everyday life to have gospel conversations?
- 2. Are you **aware** of your child's spiritual needs? Do you pray for them & listen for the Spirit's guidance?
- 3. Are you helping your child to **interpret** ALL of life (TV, school, friends, etc) as *coram deo?*



#### **Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

[8] You shall **bind** them as a <u>sign</u> on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall **write** them on the <u>door</u>posts of your house and on your <u>gates</u>.

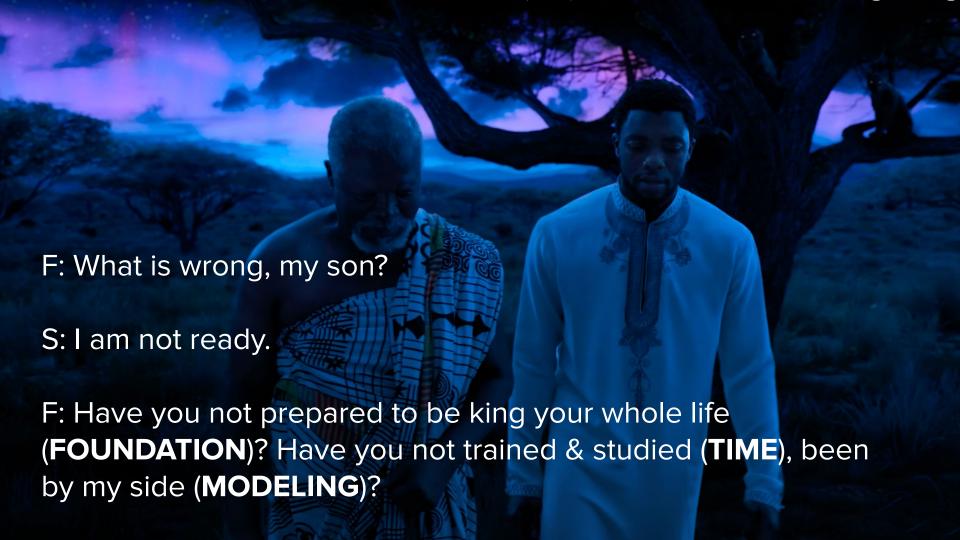


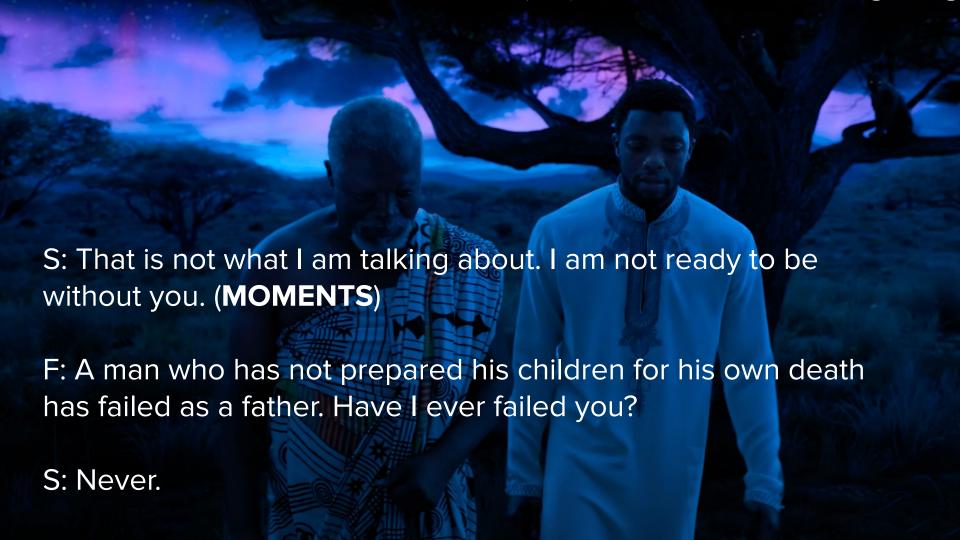
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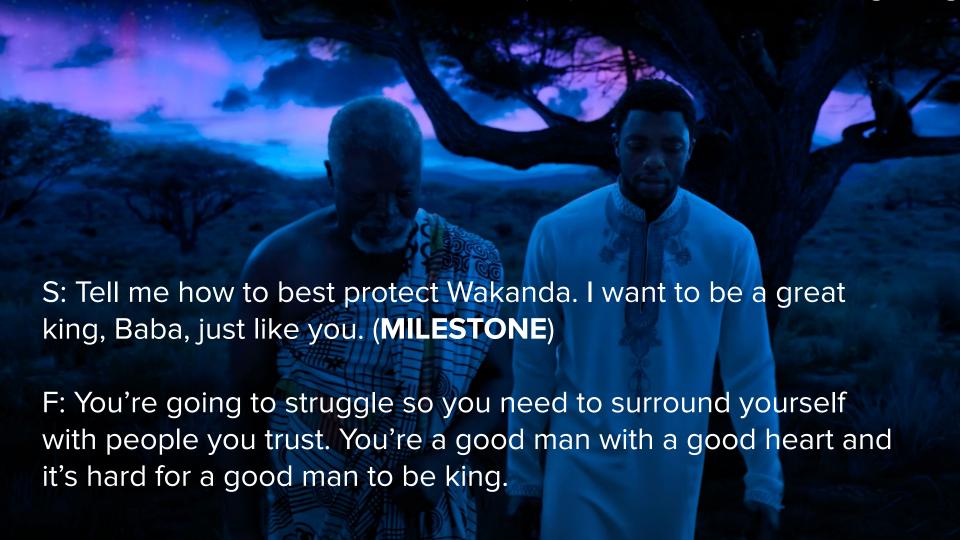
## MILESTONES

"Seasonally Prepare Hearts"









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## MILESTONES

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#### **MILESTONE QUESTIONS**

- 1. Are you **making** occasions to celebrate & commemorate milestones in the life of your child?
- 2. Are you **preparing** your child for life's challenges, filling them with truth, courage, & identity?
- 3. Are you **utilizing** their transitions & adventures to help them remember & trust in the Lord?



#### Family Discipleship Model

- #1 FOUNDATION Glorify God Together
- #2 MODELING Love God Personally
- #3 TIME Regularly Plan Teaching
- #4 MOMENTS Presently Ask Questions
- #5 MILESTONES Seasonally Prepare Hearts



## Family Discipleship Model

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#### Family Discipleship Plan

- 1. Make the plan
- 2. Utilize what you're already doing
- 3. <u>DON'T</u> over-idealize discipleship
- 4. Stay open-handed & flexible
- 5. <u>DON'T</u> compare your plan to other families
- 6. Plan for failure & reassessment
- 7. **Keep** the plan in front of you



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