

# Take Back the Family

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## 1. Let God \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 5:3-5 “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” (NLT=New Living Translation)*

## 2. Train your children to be \_\_\_\_\_

*Malachi 2:15 “Didn’t the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit, you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union....” (NLT)*  
*Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (ESV=English Standard Version)*

- Focus on training not only \_\_\_\_\_
- Train your children to be \_\_\_\_\_ of followers of Jesus
- Train your children to be \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Model what \_\_\_\_\_ looks like

*Deuteronomy 11:19-21 “Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are **at home** and when you are **on the road**, when you are **going to bed** and when you are **getting up**. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.” (NLT)*

#### 4. Prioritize shared \_\_\_\_\_ experiences

*Colossians 2:2 “I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love...”*  
(NLT)

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#### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you see an intentional assault on the family in our culture today? Why do you think this is?
2. How does God use the parenting experience to change us as people? Share some of your own experiences and stories,
3. How do we train our children to become godly adults? What practical steps must we take as parents? Again, share some of your own experiences.
4. How do we model what following Jesus looks like for our kids? Why is more caught than taught when it comes to our kids? How can our faith inspire our kids?
5. Why are shared positive experiences so powerful? How can we become more intentional with creating these experiences with our families? What things have worked for you?

