

Helping Your Children Become Best Friends in Christ

A Parent Seminar

I. Introduction – Do we have a Christian vision for sibling relationships?

II. The big picture: Our family relationships dramatically affect our faith and walk with God.

- God, our Heavenly Father
- Our “marriage” with Christ
- Brothers and sisters in Christ

1 Peter 3: 8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, *love as brothers*, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Who we are at home is who we really are.

III. In the Bible, God continually focuses our attention on the importance and power of sibling relationships.

A. Cain and Abel – Genesis 4

Am I my brother's keeper? _____

Satan wants spiritual _____,
God wants spiritual _____.

Practical challenge: Encourage your children to _____ with and for each other.

B. Shem, Ham, and Japheth – Genesis 5-9

*Satan wants siblings to work _____ to help themselves,
God wants siblings to work _____ to help the family.*

Practical challenge: Create opportunities for your children to serve the family together.

C. Lot's daughters – Genesis 19

*Satan wants siblings to _____ each other to sin,
God wants siblings to _____ each other toward righteousness.*

Pay particular attention to the leadership of the firstborn child.

Practical challenges:

- 1) Deliver strong consequences when a sibling leads another sibling into sin.
- 2). Encourage siblings to keep each other accountable with issues of their character that they are working on.

D. Jacob and Esau – Genesis 25-36

*Satan wants siblings _____ and estranged,
God wants siblings to _____ quickly.*

Ephesians 4:26, "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."

Practical challenge: Work through reconciliation each day.

E. Joseph and his brothers – Genesis 39-50

*Satan wants siblings filled with _____, anger, and violence,
God wants siblings filled with _____.*

Practical challenge: Teach your children to practice biblical forgiveness.

Confess – I did X
Acknowledge – I was wrong
Seek – Will you please forgive me?

IV. Siblings together for the Kingdom of God

_____, _____, and _____

Exodus through Deuteronomy

Practical challenge: Pray as a family for God to show the siblings in the family how they can advance His Kingdom together.

Additional notes: