WEEK 6: PARENTS

Scripture:
Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.
1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4- 7

Reflection:
• How does Jesus’ show you the kind of love that you see in this passage?
• What is a way you need to be reminded of the Gospel in this season of your life?
• What is a specific way you could show Jesus’ love in a greater way to your family?

Prayer:
Spend some time in silent prayer with God. You can use the PRAY acronym below to guide you.
• P: Praise - Spend some time thanking God for who He is in your life.
• R: Real life - Spend some time engaging God about your real needs and concerns.
• A: Ask - Ask for God’s provision, love, and power to be made known to people in your life.
• Y: Your will - Spend some time being silent and listening for God’s direction.

“Jesus, thank You for not giving up on me even though I am a mess! I appreciate Your patience, kindness, and selfless love that You showed me on the cross. Help me to surrender ways I am hanging onto selfishness and stubborn pride in my relationships. I want to show my family (my kids, my parents, my brothers, sisters, and friends) what real love looks like. Give me the grace to trust your patience as I take steps of faith with You. Amen.”
HOUSE OF CARDS REFLECTION AND RESOURCES

Family Conversations and Resources for your kids and teens:

- The Parent Hub: Resources to help you talk about God’s view of sex and healthy relationships

BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE FROM A CHRIST-CENTERED PERSPECTIVE:

- Marriage Circles Devotional for Couples (especially the last session: marriage>parenting)
- How Children Raise Parents, Dan Allendar
- Boundaries with Kids, Cloud and Townsend
- Hope Nxt Level Parent Conference Registration: January 29, 9 - 3 p.m.

Check out the following resources to help your family make the most of Christmas:

- Christmas Bingo
- Hope Toy Store Drive
- Christmas Services