

# A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT

## Chapter 13: Redeeming the Rooms of Children

### ROOMS AS A PARENT

Seeing ourselves as a child of God is the main objective in dealing with our role as a parent. We must learn to understand that God is more the parent than we are, that He gave us children as stewardship, but they ultimately belong to Him. We will bear witness to grief and pain God experiences with waywardness, disobedience and rebellion, as well as the reality children face when they are injured in the heart.

## MARRIAGE IN PARENTING

- Children were meant to be a byproduct of a loving marriage – the offspring of that relationship's heritage. Children with the marriage breaks a root of rejection can form.
- Single parenting especially challenging because of the lack of support

## MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN

- **The lifestyle of grace as a parent means that Jesus Christ is sufficiently able to handle anything that is broken or missing in our children's hearts just so long as we are willing to give Him authority in the situation.**
- So rather than focus on the negativity of what was done wrong or what our children are doing wrong, we can focus on the positive reality that once again, the grace of God is truly sufficient. But never at any point should we use that excuse to justify or minimize the important of marriage. We can be more aware of rooted issues and less motivated at behavior outcomes, preparing for them to secure their own healing process

## ATTACHMENT STYLES

1. Lack of attaching - unavailability
2. Overly attaching – emotionally dependent
3. Control – overly managing/stunting maturity

## PRIORITY OF PARENTING

As a parent, we must remember that the outcome for our children is their ability to become holy and to depend on God in all matters. In fact, we are equipping them for that purpose alone.

## ADULT CHILDREN

- Unlike the mindset of protection we can offer to small children, we must let our grown children feel the pain that is necessary for them to grow. This is especially true in allowing them to feel the ramifications of discipline by the Lord.
- It's not that we can't assist or help our children, but we must understand that if we assume responsibility for their lives, we disable them from taking responsibility for their own choices.
- We can't take their exams – they need to learn to take their own and face the results in order to grow.

## REDEEMING THESE RELATIONSHIPS

- For our dependent children, it's never too late to impact them as we adjust.
- For our grown children, we need to cleanse the room in the past, and learn how to forgive and walk with a pure heart in the current

## SIGNIFICANT FAILURES

- If we've hurt our children tremendously – addiction, divorce, abandonment, etc. we can't underestimate God's power, but we need to patiently wait on Him for direction.
- We need to respect that natural consequences have occurred, and our children may not be ready to make amends.
- God will release us from that sin through His grace, so we do not have to live in shame or regret.
- We offer great power and influence to our children's lives by constantly praying for them. We must never minimize our great privilege to pray on their behalf – it is the power of God working on our behalf.

## DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH CHILDREN

- Allow them to see our heart – be real in our testimony and issues – no secrets, no hiding, not pretending.
- Ask them to share their heart – we must not push, but simply allow for this to occur. It may take time.
- Speak grace – Grace sets up the environment of trust and healing. It may take time to “set in” but the more grace we speak into them, the more receptive they will be to hearts to us.

## **ABORTION**

- We need to deal with the life of a baby that was aborted. Facing this truth may be an extremely painful experience, but will lead to healing and a beautiful realization of God's grace and redemption.

## **AGREEMENTS WITH GOD OVER THE HERITAGE OF OUR CHILDREN, RENOUNCE CURSES**

- We renounce the generation and ancestral emotional and spiritual issues that have passed to us, and thereby potentially transported to our children.
- We speak the blood of Jesus of anything we carried, and thereby remove legal access in the demonic.
- We claim our children in Jesus name.
- We speak life, blessings and the prosperity of inheritance as children of God over our children.
- NEVER GIVE UP!