

1 **CHAPTER 13**

Redeeming our Parental Rooms

2 **THE ROOM OF PARENTING**

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.

3 **GRACE ACTIVATED: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**

- We stop trying to make up.
- We refuse to let our own failure prevent God.
- We rely on God's power more than our own.

4 **PARENTING & MARRIAGE**

▪ Children were meant to be a byproduct of a loving marriage – the offspring of that relationship's heritage. Children with broken or unhealthy parental marriages will by default feel a core root of rejection, even if it unknown. That's because they will see themselves as a mistake, even though they aren't.

5 **SINGLE PARENTING**

Marriage was also meant to provide husband and wife with a supportive system for each other. Thus, single parents will face unsurmountable tasks of dealing not only with the normal tasks, but also the deficiencies.

6 **APPLYING GRACE**

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. Our children will be affected by its failure.

7 **CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY UNHEALTHY MARRIAGE**

While a child can withstand and overcome a broken family system, they are far more susceptible to learning how to cope in unhealthy ways. This often manifests as addictive and codependent behaviors. The problem is that if we are dealing with our children out of a root of shame, we will try to fix and control the outcomes rather than deal with the root.

8 **PARENTING & ATTACHMENT**

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

9 **PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE**

- God loves us unconditionally – affirming our worth and value as His precious children despite what we do.
- God desires to make us holy – thereby He works to deal with anything in us that is impure.

- God honors free will; therefore He allows the gift of choice.
- God disciplines poor choices.
- When we release our poor choices in repentance, we are met and offered the power of grace.

10 **THE 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.

11 **ADULT CHILDREN**

We can love our adult children unconditionally, and work at cleansing our own heart so we do not operate from shame or guilt. In having spiritual freedom and God's love operating in our life, we will be able to transfer this onto our adult children as God allows. One of the ways we can love our adult children is to give them the freedom to mature and make choices independent of us.

12 **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.

13 **CLEANSING THE ROOM OF PARENTHOOD**

- 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

14 **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.

15 **DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH OUR 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.

16 **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.

17 **LET'S MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH GOD OVER OUR CHILDREN. LET'S BREAK CURSES AND SPEAK BLESSINGS**

- 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.
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- **DON'T EVER GIVE UP ON YOUR CHILDREN!**