

## Live to Love with Jesus

### Plant the Seed

1. We've been called to live to love with Jesus.
  1. God is love. 1 Jo. 4:7-8
  2. Love is the proof that you know Jesus. 1 Jo. 4:7-8
  3. Jesus commanded it. John 13:34-35
  4. His love through you is your confidence in judgment. 1 Jo. 4:17
  5. Love is the perfect unifier. Col. 3:14
  6. Without love you waste your life. 1 Cor. 13:1-3
  7. Living to love is the key to fullness of Jesus' joy.
2. Plant the i-live to love seed prayer.

Father in heaven, thank You for another day of life to live to know and love You and to live to love with Jesus. Anoint and fill me with the Holy Spirit, the presence and power of Christ, so that I can love and trust You and love those you put in my path today, for Your glory.

3. What kind of love is This?
  1. Earthly kind of love: get or use.
  2. God's kind of love: give - the sustained direction of the will toward the highest good of another no matter what the cost.

### Pull the Weeds

1. First hindrance: Unbelief - Deut. 5:7
  1. It hardens your heart. Heb. 3:12-13
  2. It easily entangles you. Heb. 12:1
2. Second hindrance: Idolatry - Deut. 5:7-9
  1. You will control and manipulate
    - A. Positive manipulation tools: smile, compliment, serve, gifts, attention.
    - B. Negative manipulation tools: anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech, lying. (Col. 3:8-9)
  2. You will live for yourself.
  3. You will worship the creation rather than the creator.
  4. You will have many gods.
  5. You will misplace your worship.

### Bear Fruit - Live to love with Jesus

1. Look at how Jesus loves. John 13:34
2. Abide in Jesus' love. John 15:4
3. Believe Jesus abides in you to love. John 15:4 Believe Jesus is working in all things so you can love with Him. Everything in life comes to us from God so that we might experience and express His love.
4. Ask anything to be able to love. John 15:7
5. Be motivated to experience Jesus' joy. John 15:11

## **Loving Like Jesus Loves**

**Intro:** Jesus called us to love like He loves. John 13:34; John 15:9

### **How did Jesus love?**

1. The Father loved with/through Him. John 14:9-11
2. The Father love through Jesus as He abided in Jesus and Jesus abided in the Father.

### **How do we love like Jesus loved?**

1. Jesus loves with/through you. John 14:12, 16-20
2. Believe you and Jesus are on just like the Father and Jesus are one. John 15:4-5, 8-9, 12
3. Jesus loves through you as He abides in you and you abide in Him.

### **How do you abide in Jesus so you can love like He loves?**

1. The same way Jesus abided in the Father. Jesus lived by faith. He believed all things came from His Father out of love for His highest good.
2. As the Father works, Jesus works. John 5:17, 19 What does the Father do? He gives faith.
  1. Paralytic. Matt. 9:2
  2. Suffering woman. Matt. 9:20
  3. Parents with children. Mark 10:13-14
  4. Blind man. Luke 8:35, 38-39, 42
  5. His trial with Pilate. John 19:11
3. We abide by faith in God and the Son.
  1. Believe God is still working in the Son. John 14:1
  2. The disciples believed. 1 Cor. 8:6; Rom. 11:36; Acts 4:27
4. How do we know what to do? Every situation is an opportunity to trust in God's love and every relationship is an opportunity to love in His name.
  1. Ask how Jesus wants to love. John 14:13-15

### **Loving like Jesus loves.**

1. Believe in the Father and the Son-they are working in everything.
2. Believe everything comes to you in love.
3. Believe everything comes to you so you can love with Jesus.
4. Ask the Father how He wants you to love, then listen and obey.

### **The i-LivetoLove Prayer**

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## **What's a Mom to do With Teenage Sons?**

### **1. What happens in a son around the age of 12 that changes the way he relates to his mother?**

- a. You need to know: At the age of 12, a son has an inborn sense that he needs to be with his dad to become a man. Luke 2:42-52
- b. You need to know: Sons struggle with their mother's leadership as they begin the transition from boyhood to manhood.
- c. You need to know: Sons have a yearning to be with their father and know that he will lead them to prepare for manhood.
- d. You need to know: Sons will be motivated to love you by your respect for them as a young man.

### **2. Watch out for seasonal mistakes.**

- a. Don't label your son a rebel.
- b. Don't try to control through lectures, punishment, and more rules.
- c. The father may not turn his heart to him and begin the calling out process.
- d. Send your son to government schools to avoid the conflict.

### **3. Correct responses from dad?**

- a. Lead your son to understand what is happening and direct this season.
- b. Explain the inner reactions to his mom.
- c. Nevertheless, teach him humility and the importance of receiving instructions from her as from the Lord.
- d. Lead him to practice relational skills with his mother.

### **4. What's a mother to do with her teenage son (or a husband)?**

1. Inform your husband of the flesh areas which need to be "cut away". It is the husband's responsibility to "circumcise the flesh". Prov. 19:18; 29:17; 2:1; 3:11-12
2. Pray daily for your husband's and your son's relationship with God and each other.
3. Point your son to his father and to the Heavenly Father. Gal. 4:6; John 3:30
4. Teach your son as an expression of his father's heart. Prov. 6:20-23
5. Treat him with respect as you do your husband. Eph. 5:33
6. Take an interest in your son's interests. Phil. 2:3-4

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## **Beware the Wolf!**

### **Appropriate sexual expression is rooted in a God-created union.**

1. God created male and female to be one. Gen. 1:27-28; 2:22-24
2. Appropriate sexual expression encourages worship of the Creator which satisfies God and the couple.
3. Appropriate sexual expression has a spiritual dimension. It is an expression of worship through Spirit-led giving that satisfies God. It is Spirit-led. It expresses God's image. It expresses Christ and His bride.

### **Inappropriate sexual expression is rooted in a self-gratification.**

1. The original sin implanted a beast, a wolf, within man that mars God's image, shames Jesus Christ, and destroys men and women. Eph. 4:17-19
2. Inappropriate sexual expression is the worship of the creature that satisfies self.
  1. The wolf: Flesh-indulgent-animalistic.
  2. The wolf: Replaces God's image-idolatrous
  3. The wolf: Despises Christ and His bride.
3. God rejects those who worship the creature rather than the Creator. 1 Cor. 6:9b-11  
It is not hate, but love to tell people the practices that God despises and rejects.  
Their eternal destination is at stake.
4. Inappropriate sexual expression is to be forsaken. Eph. 4:22-23

### **Fathers must teach their sons**

1. A son not called out by his father releases the wolf to roam and hunt.
  1. He thinks women are to be used to make him feel good.
  2. He will consider it natural to prey upon women.
  3. He will fear that he isn't man unless he uses women.
2. Idolatry of women gives women the power to control men.
  1. They are given the power to confer manhood.
  2. They know they are needed and worshipped.
  3. They enjoy the power, but despise and disrespect men.
  4. The world capitalizes on this struggle.

### **Discussion and application**

1. How important is it for a man and woman to realize that their union within marriage is an expression of a spiritual reality: the worship of the image of God (male and female as one)? Is this a new thought to you?
2. Discuss what difference it would have made in your life if your father had explained the presence of the wolf as an expression of the spirit of antichrist and worship of the creature instead of God.
3. Discuss how the world capitalizes on men who have released the wolf to hunt and consume its prey.
4. What impact has the wolf in men in your country had on women?

## **The Calling Out of Sons**

1. The heavenly Father calls out His sons (Ephesians 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:9, John 6:44-45, Matt. 16:17) so fathers ought to “call out” their sons.
2. What happens if sons aren’t called out?
  1. Sons will live for self. Eph. 2:3 They will make self-gratification a priority and have an independent spirit.
  2. Sons may have a wrong view of women. Sons may use women for self-pleasure thinking that life comes from a woman and that women do family.
  3. Sons will not be prepared for the gospel because they won’t see the significance of the call of the gospel in the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; 1 Jo. 3:1; Gal. 4:6-7). Consequently they won’t see the hope of God’s calling through the gospel.
3. Fathers need to “call out” their sons.
  1. Fathers need a relationship with the Father, God.
  2. The Father, God has revealed His ministry to sons (fathers).
  3. Fathers represent the heavenly Father’s heart and ministry.
  4. Fathers have the honor of giving the Father, God, a good reputation.

### **Give meaning to being a son and a man.**

1. You prepare them for the Father, God.
2. You can add meaning to the Scriptures.
3. You can fill them with hope.

### **What is the calling out of sons?**

The calling out of sons is a process whereby God uses a father to prepare his son for a relationship with Jesus by calling him out of the course of this world to a relationship with Christ. It is a process of calling your son into a relationship with you.

### **Insights from the life of Christ**

1. The calling out of sons is a calling out from independence to relationship. Luke 2:49-50; Luke 3:21-22
2. The calling out of sons is a calling out from the course of this world to humility. Luke 2:51-52; Luke 4:1-2a
3. The calling out of sons is a calling out from selfish ambition to waiting on the Lord. Luke 4:2b-4
  1. Waiting on the Lord for the needs of the body. Luke 4:2b-4
  2. Waiting on the Lord for wealth. Luke 4:5-8
  3. Waiting on the Lord for significance. Luke 4:9-12
  4. Waiting on the Lord for power. Luke 4:13-15

## The Most Powerful Words Ever Spoken

### Introduction

1. Why should you...
  1. Believe in and obey Jesus Christ?
  2. Never be afraid or let your heart be troubled?
  3. Live to love everyday
  4. Face each day with confidence?
2. The answers are related to what the God of creation has spoken to us?
3. What has God spoken to us? Heb. 1:1-2

God spoke the same words to the fathers.

1. Abraham. Gen. 12:1
2. Isaac. Gen. 26:24
3. Jacob. Gen. 31:3
4. Joseph. Gen. 48:21
5. Moses. Ex. 3:12
6. Joshua. Joshua 1:5
7. Gideon. Judges 6:16
8. David. Ps. 23:4
9. Jeremiah. Jer. 1:19
10. Israel. Is. 43:4-5, 7:14

God spoke to us in Jesus Christ.

1. Mary. Luke 1:28
2. In His birth. Matt. 1:22-23
3. He upgraded His promise to His disciples. John 14:16, 26; Matt. 28:19-20 "I will be with you and never leave you," means, "I will help you always."

The Father's heart is to be with us and to help us.

1. When you are in need, you have a helper. When are you in need? When are you *not* in need? Heb. 4:16
2. The Lord's presence is our confidence. Heb. 13:5
3. We have His peace because of these powerful words. John 14:27

### Application

1. People who say and live, "I will be with you and will never leave you or forsake you," best reveal the Father's heart to those they love.
2. God intends you to obey Him knowing you have a helper.
3. Learn from Him how to "be with" your children or spouse.
4. Teach this good news to those around you in words and deed.
5. Do not let your heart be troubled about anything except *not* walking peacefully with your Helper.

## **Bringing the Presence of God into Your Homeschooling**

### **Norm Wakefield**

#### **Introduction**

1. Don't miss the forest for the trees.
2. Three Thoughts
  1. You live in God's presence.
  2. You only see clearly from a heavenly perspective.
  3. You can live in heaven now and bring the presence of God wherever you go.
3. Before sin entered into the world.
  1. Heaven:
  2. Hades:
  3. Earth.
4. After sin entered into the world.
  1. Heaven
  2. Hades
  3. Earth
5. God revealed Himself...
  1. In creation
  2. In Israel
  3. In His Word
  4. In the Living Word - Jesus.

#### **The Big Picture of the Gospel**

- God became a man. John 1:14
- Rethink your life: God is near. Matt. 4:7
- There was no veil for Jesus. John 5:19-20
- God sees all. Heb. 4:13
- God put our sins on Jesus to remove sin and its penalty. Is. 53:6; Col. 2:13-14
- Heaven was veiled to Jesus. Matt. 27:46
- Jesus entered within the veil with his sacrifice. Heb. 6:19
- The veil (the wall) was removed between God and man. Matt. 27:51
- God justified us through Jesus. Rom. 5:1-2
- Jesus is risen - proof of justification. Rom. 4:25
- Jesus made a place for us now. John 14:2-3
- Jesus was raised as proof that He is Lord. Acts 2:36
- We were born again through Him. 1 Pet. 1:3;
- We were raised in Him. Eph. 2:5-6
- Jesus returned through the veil. Acts 1:9
- Jesus' return is promised. Acts 1:11
- How do you know you are raised with Christ? The Holy Spirit is sent to you as proof. John 14:16-20
- The Holy Spirit enables us to see. John 3:3
- Jesus gets another body in which to live and reveal Himself. 1 Cor. 6:19. The purpose of Jesus' body is to bring the presence of God near to a lost world through living to love with Him.
- Rethink how you live. Acts 7:55

### **Three Powerful Wisdom-Producing Truths**

1. If you have been born of the Spirit of God, then you live in the presence of God. Col. 3:1-3
2. You can only see clearly from an eternal, heavenly perspective. 2 Cor. 4:17-18, 2 Cor. 2:9-10, 12
3. You may continually go to the Father in heaven through Jesus and bring the presence of God wherever you go. Col. 3:1-3, Heb. 4:16

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