



**PARENTING IN AN AGE OF CONFUSION AND
DIVISION
GENESIS 18:16-19**



HOW CAN WE HELP OUR KIDS IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE?

- **Gender confusion?**
- **Male/female or same sex marriage?**
- **Stand (or not) at the National Anthem?**
- **Build the wall or let illegals enter?**
- **Etc...**



- How else can a child know the love of God but through God's own revelation of that love through a parent?

1. PARENTS ARE TO TEACH THE WORD, WORKS, & WONDERS OF GOD.

- Gen 18:19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."



**THE COMMAND IS REPEATED
OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN
SCRIPTURE.**

Deut. 6:7-9 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (ESV)



Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
(Eph. 6:4 ESV)

- Deuteronomy 4:9, 11:19
- Exodus 10:2, 13:8, 12:26-27
- Psalm 71:18, 78:4
- 2 Timothy 3:15
- Jeremiah 32:39
- Joshua 4:6-7
- Lk. 1:17 to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. (ESV)



2. PARENTS MUST “GROUND” THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FACT OF GOD’S LOVE FOR THEM.

The love of God surpasses our ability to know it.

- **Eph. 3:17-19** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ps 34:8



3. PARENTS MUST PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CHILD TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD.

Prov 8:17 "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 14:24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words;



4. BECAUSE OF THE CROSS, JESUS SEES THE PERSON, NOT THE SIN.

Why did Jesus not separate from sinners such as:

- 1. The Samaritan woman at the well (6th man). John 4**
- 2. The woman caught in the act of adultery. John 8:1-11**
- 3. Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Luke 19:1-10**

He calls us to see others in the same way!



5. JESUS DID NOT CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF RIGHT/WRONG BECAUSE WE ARE CONFUSED ABOUT IT.

Isaiah 29:16 You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Isaiah 45:9 "Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker-- An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands '?"



6. JESUS TRANSFORMS US FROM INSIDE, OUT, THEREBY ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM.

Rom. 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)