

Topic: When Your Child Refuses God's Laws - Part II

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[Romans 8:6 KJV](#)

[6]For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- It's hard when your child grows up and decides to leave the truth because we know that the judgments of the most High are not to be played with.

I. How Mothers React when Their Child Leaves

- Many of us make the decision to sever ties with our children when they decide to leave God's laws. It hurts as a mother and feels like a piece of you is gone and the spiritual death for your child. There is a sense of loss.
- Many kids have a strong rebellion that starts slow and then suddenly "pops" off.
- In the world, parents have high hopes for their children. All we want for our children is to be happy, and successful, start a family, so we can have grandchildren in the world.

- Our hopes and dreams are much bigger than this once we come into the truth. If you have a son, your biggest hope is to see him on the corner preaching the word of God with his father. If we have daughters, we want to see her get married, become a righteous wife, and have her own children. We have hope to see our children grow and get into the kingdom of heaven.
- We have this fear for the first few months that the most High would kill him because he knew this truth and decided to leave. This experience can break the toughest of us.
- Other mothers grieve because they have a hard time getting their children to visit the congregation.
- Ex: My son didn't leave the truth, he was never really in the truth. He came to the school with us but he was never there.

II. Be Sober when Dealing with Your Children

1 Peters 5:8,9 KJV

[8]Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

[9]Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

- Being sober means you won't fall into the trap of thinking sin won't affect you and you will not be easily fooled when the enemy comes for you.
- Be sober because you do not want to be shaken in your faith. This can not be the thing that makes you question God's laws.
- Do not fall into the trap of thinking that your children are good and will never leave the truth. Do not be a mother who walks around like an ostrich. Be wise.
- Vigilant: keenly watchful to detect danger; ever awake and alert.
 - We have to watch for when our child starts to withdraw or when they don't want to participate in extracurriculars at the school! Some of our kids are making plans to leave when they start college. We have to watch and be vigilant.

III. What happens when you cut off contact with your child?

- Your child may have already had a conversation with you that they do not want to keep the commandments or there may have been signs.
- Most mothers do not tell their counselor that their child is questioning the truth. Why? There is a lot of shame around this.
- Everyone's relationship with their child when they decide to leave the truth is different.
 - Some choose to completely cut off all contact with their child.
 - Some choose to keep in touch with them in some way or fashion.

- Article: The Family Tree via BBC.com
 - How many of us have had worldly family members contact you, asking about what you have done to your child? They end up taking that child into their own home and telling you how you're wrong and in a cult.
 - Edom knows it's problematic to love your child unconditionally.
 - Likewise, our love for our children is conditional. Love is keeping the commandments.
- We deal with shame and think that the congregation will view you as a bad mother.
 - No one is thinking that she didn't study with her child enough. It's all in our minds. It is a scary experience but there is nothing to be ashamed about.
 - Keep praying, and fasting. Is this the trial that will make you stop keeping the commandments?
- We are emotional wrecks when it comes to our children.

Isaiah 49:15 KJV

[15]Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

- A mother may forget her child, but TMH never forgets us. He will not forget about your affliction or your child taking a different path.

Tobit 10:1-7 KJV

[1]Now Tobit his father counted every day: and when the days of the journey were expired, and they came not,

[2]Then Tobit said, Are they detained? or is Gabael dead, and there is no man to give him the money?

[3]Therefore he was very sorry.

[4]Then his wife said unto him, My son is dead, seeing he stayeth long; and she began to wail him, and said,

[5]Now I care for nothing, my son, since I have let thee go, the light of mine eyes.

[6]To whom Tobit said, Hold thy peace, take no care, for he is safe.

[7]But she said, Hold thy peace, and deceive me not; my son is dead. And she went out every day into the way which they went, and did eat no meat on the daytime, and ceased not whole nights to bewail her son Tobias, until the fourteen days of the wedding were expired, which Raguel had sworn that he should spend there. Then Tobias said to Raguel, Let me go, for my father and my mother look no more to see me.

- When your son leaves, you grieve and think he is dead just how Anna did although he was not dead
- A lot of times we judge the whole matter and cause ourselves heartache and grief. Your child may come back to repentance or he may not. Let TMH work it out. In the meantime, just watch, and be sober and vigilant.



- Heaviness brings forth death (reference to Sirach 30:23 KJV). Your child may have left, but do not choose death in your sorrow and mourning.

IV. Do Not Stay Down. Keep Moving!

Psalm 127:2 KJV

[2]It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

- Remember TMH gives his beloved sleep. Pray to the most High to give you sleep.

Psalm 34:17-19 KJV

[17]The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

[18]The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

[19]Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

- The Lord will deliver you from all of your afflictions. Get past this trial. Your kids have to make their own decisions. We can not force them.

Video: Resist the Wiles of Satan: A Reproof on Fighting the Devil - Deacon Yoshua

[https://www.youtube.com/live/kQ7_pkstSQo?feature=share] (timestamp 39:10-41:02)

- Strengthen yourself. Get up and talk to your sisters. Find someone who has been through something similar and lean on each other. You can not stay down.
- Pray to TMH that He makes your child miserable in their sin. In their afflictions, they will seek Him early.
- This is not a unique situation. There are plenty of examples. Go hard for this truth, now you have more time!

Article: The Prevalence of Family Estrangement

- Our first resource is the Bible. There is no time to feel isolated, lonely, or grieved unless you live in an area where there are not many of you. For those that live nearby an IUIC school, you do not have to feel this way. We are your family.

Matthew 10:34-37 KJV

[34]Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

[35]For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

[36]And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

[37]He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

- There will be enemies in our own household.
- This is a test as a mother. Are you fit to enter God's kingdom?

Jude 1:20,21 KJV

[20]But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
[21]Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

- Build up yourselves. We are looking for mercy from Christ and to enter eternal life.
- Let your child see that you take this truth seriously.
 - Are you going to call them and tell them that they don't have to keep the commandments and invite them back home?
 - You are sending a message that you do not take this truth seriously.

1 Peter 4:12,13 KJV

[12]Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

[13]But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. ♥

- It's not strange that you are going through this fiery trial.
- It does not mean that you are a bad mother and did something wrong necessarily. If you know you did something wrong, then that is between you and TMH. Do not feel guilty all day and blame yourself. Keep it moving.

V. Guest Speaker Mama Shamarah

Estrangement:

- Our eldest son decided that he was no longer going to abide by TMH's laws in 2017.
- Estrangement: the state of being alienated or separated in feeling or affection. The state of hostility or unfriendliness.
 - Part of the root word in estrangement is STRANGER.
 - You become strangers and no longer know each other. This particular child is no longer on friendly terms or in the family social group.
 - Continuous estrangement: occurs when adult children are able to effectively communicate with their parents and maintain a distance from them in spite of their social or cultural pressures.
 - Chaotic disassociation: adult children succumb to pressure and engage in and on an off relationship until they can cut off family ties.
- Set non-negotiable boundaries.

- We keep the commandments and do not trim our ways to seek love in this house. There are no exceptions to this.

Matthew 18:8 KJV

[8]Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

- It is better to lose an eye or arm to enter the kingdom than to hold onto something that will cost you eternal life.
- When your child leaves the truth it is like a constant open wound. It feels like a hole in the heart.
- All sins can be forgiven except for blasphemy. Continually pray for your child.
- Be aware of evil support systems!
 - This can be in-laws, cousins, co-workers, teachers, and all those who support your child to escape and not keep the commandments of God.
- Know your children's strengths and weaknesses.
 - Are they spiritually strong enough to get a job? To deal with certain wiles of the devil?
 - I do not recommend anyone's child go to an out-of-state college or stay on campus.
 - Be aware of your child not having a good relationship with their parents; wanting to make their own mistakes. Be aware of lying, no longer studying, cleaning up, and being distracted.

II Timothy 3:1-7 KJV

[1]This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

[2]For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

[3]Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

[4]Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

[5]Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

[6]For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

[7]Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- If you are disobedient to your parents, what else are you going to be disobedient at?
- If they were of us, they would have remained with us.
- May TMH have continued mercy and not kill your unrepented child, but may He give him hell and affliction so he may repent.

I John 3:4-10 KJV

[4]Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

[5]And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

[6]Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

[7]Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

[8]He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

[9]Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

[10]In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

- You are damned from the beginning if you do not repent.
- If your unrepented child calls, do not condone their sin. They need to know that they are not keeping the commandments of God.
- If you have a child who left this truth, know that the adversary knows who your child is! Do not think that the enemy will not use your children against you and against this truth. They are the enemies of your house and of God. Do not slip or do anything against the words of God.

I Corinthians 1:10-17 KJV

[10]Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

[11]For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

[12]Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

[13]Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

[14]I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

[15]Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

[16]And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

[17]For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

- That there be no schism in the body.
- Your child that is not keeping the commandments is causing schisms/divisions.

A. Grief and Guilt

- Five Stages of Grief: pertaining to spiritual death

- Denial - numbness, and delusion
 - Anger
 - Bargaining - Asking and begging TMH if you can go back in time to fix certain situations in the past
 - Depression - feeling emptiness
 - Acceptance - come to the realization that your child is an adult and made the decision to leave
- Do not blame yourself or other people. Do not compare what happened to your family with another household. Do not lose your faith and do not lose yourself.

James 1:2-4 KJV

[2]My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

[3]Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

[4]But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

- This is a test of patience with the prayer that your child will eventually repent.

II Thessalonians 3:14 KJV

[14]And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

- When your child leaves the truth, they are to be made ashamed. Everything is not fine. If you hate God, I can not love you. As a mother you have to decide if you're going to be hot for God or not.
- Life of sin will not be tolerated. Do not set a bad example for your other children

III John 1:2-4 KJV

[3]For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

[4]I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

- There is no greater joy than to hear that your children are in the truth. Do not give up hope or feel bad because it is a decision that your child made, not you.

Romans 12:12 KJV

[12]Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

- Do not be fake (dissimulation). Do not trim your ways to seek love.

Romans 8:24 KJV

[24]For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

- I still have hope. I don't see it but I pray that my son will repent and come to his senses.

Mark 10:30 KJV

[30]But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

- Even though your child is not in the truth, the Lord will bless you with mothers, fathers, and children in this truth. You have spiritual grandchildren and a large family in Christ.

Matthew 19:26 KJV

[26]But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

- Do not give up hope. Be aware and maintain your relationship with the heavenly Father. You are not alone.

VI. Guest Speaker Mama Paryah

- I have been down this same road with two of my sons and all of my children were born in the truth. To whom much is given much is required.
- My oldest son wanted friends and felt that he was missing something. He started trimming his ways seeking friendship and got caught up in the world. He was given the ultimatum to 1) keep the commandments and abide by his father's rules in the house or 2) leave. He decided to leave ultimately.
 - He lived with his “friend’s” family for some time then with his roommate and then his grandmother.
 - He would try to call me for two years and never called his father. I told him clearly that he can not see me or his siblings unless he decides to keep the commandments.

II Thessalonians 3:14 KJV

[14]And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

- We had to put our son to shame. We can not trim our ways and justify your child. Repent and seek the TMH ten times more and speak to your father.
- Eventually, he decided to repent, started congregating at the Orlando school for a couple of months, and then visited us in Texas. Since then, he has proved himself and made a big difference in this walk. He is an Officer of 50, married, and with a child.

Hebrews 12:12 KJV

[12]Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

- We have to get to a point where we have to uplift ourselves. We can not stay in a low and depressed state. Be strong for your family members. Your children are watching you.
- As my eldest son was building himself up, my second oldest son became easily distracted, not studying enough, and too playful. He was not fervent and had too much idle time.

Luke 15 KJV - a reference to the prodigal son

Luke 12:48 KJV

[48]But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

- To whom much is given much is required.
- My son's judgment was harsh since he was born and raised in the truth.

Proverbs 15:20 KJV

[20]A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

- A foolish man despises his mother.

Proverbs 19:26 KJV

[26]He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

- He that chaseth away his mother is a son that causes shame and brings reproach.
- My son at the time was spiritually dead, he committed spiritual suicide and brought shame to the family.
- I meditated on II Maccabees 7 with the woman with seven sons who put on a manly stomach and endured grief by seeing her children put to death. I learned to move on and continue to raise my children and show them that their older brother was setting a bad example.
- As time went on, he asked for forgiveness for bringing shame to the family, acknowledged that he was receiving judgment from TMH, and wanted to repent. He became remorseful and has gotten himself together. He is studying more, he is attending sabbath class, and is more serious, and fervent.

Proverbs 1:7-8 KJV

[7]The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

[8]My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- I sent both of my sons this scripture when they left the truth at one point. I felt that I needed to do my best to remind them of the scriptures. It has been a trial.
- Remember that TMH does not give you anything that you can not handle. Keep focus. This is your walk. You cannot let the actions of your children affect your walk. Lift yourself up.

VII. Outro

- We need strength and need to show our children that we are serious.
- Our children will turn on us on the days of tribulation if you are not serious, vigilant, and not sober. Do not play with your children.
- My son almost died twice and now he is back, apttmh. We still have to be mindful, and vigilant so they stay on the strait path.
- TMH will not play with your children or you as a mother either.

Jeremiah 10:19 KJV

[19]Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.

- Truly this is a grief I must bear.
- This is something you have to bear. Deal with it like it's part of your trial. It is going to build you up. Endure and do not let it break you. Know that there is hope.
- The scriptures serve as medicine to heal us. Do not let this trial get the best of you. Learn from it and endure through your trial.

II Corinthians 7:9 KJV

[9]Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

- Sorrow to repentance. Godly sorrow works repentance to salvation
- That is what we are looking for after our children decide to leave and repent from their sins.

Thank you all. Shalom good night, MHNCB.