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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good morning! Psalm 51, Verse 6 to 10 say...

/PSA 51:6-7

Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.//Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

/PSA 51:8-10

Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.//Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities.//Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

David, one of the greatest shepherds and one of the greatest giant slayers and one of the greatest kings to ever live, also acknowledges that he is one of the greatest sinners to ever live as well. He acknowledges this while in a state of complete spiritual bankruptcy, and he knows his help is in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ...our Savior...our Redeemer...the refreshment for our souls.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING, to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can know all the details of the Predetermined Plan of God the Father...so we can know the voluntary compassion and sacrifice of God the Son...and so we can know the amazing resurrection life of the uniquely born One, the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...

Now is the time to let God the Holy Spirit prepare you to “in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Word of God Speak\

As God prepares you for this RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...WORD OF GOD SPEAK.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Help the parents who hear this message to put aside their powerless parenting...help them take on the challenge of what You have charged them to do...help all of us learn the way to love unconditionally and the importance of unconditional love to our spiritual lives and to our sanity...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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Rory Clark

Pastor-Teacher\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, given to me by God for your benefit, so I might serve you. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Unconditional Love Parenting is a Plan to be Intentional

We continue our study of the second of the twenty-one categories of biblical thought that are part of the CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT series.

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<CREATOR VS. CREATURE CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

We are learning about the magnificent aspects of our CREATOR'S essence at the second of the 21 C's. Who is the CREATOR? He is the true light according to John, Chapter 1, Verse 9...

/JOH 1:9

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.\

Tick Tock...what time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK?

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE no dial>

It's First Corinthians Thirteen O'clock on the Creator Clock! First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13 says...

/1CO 13:13

But now faith, hope, love, abide (in the sphere of) these three; but the greatest of these is (unconditional) love.\

At the center of the CREATOR CLOCK is one of the most important ideas in biblical Christianity...LOVE...Christianity is a lifestyle of unconditional love.

We've been studying how to include unconditional love in our parenting. There is no greater calling than parenting...and no greater task than raising our children surrounded by unconditional love.

Kahlil Gibran, in a book called *The Prophet*, offers sound advice to parents about their children.

/Kahlil Gibran...The Prophet
"On Children"

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said, "Speak to us of Children." And he said:

Your children are not your children.

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They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you...
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.\

/Kahlil Gibran...The Prophet
"On Children"

You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls...
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow...
Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.\

/Kahlil Gibran...The Prophet
"On Children"

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward...nor does it tarry with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.\

/Kahlil Gibran...The Prophet
"On Children"

The archer (God) sees the mark upon the path of the infinite...
And He bends you (parents) with His might
That His arrows (your children) may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as he loves the arrow that flies...
So He loves also the bow that is stable.\

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Does your Christianity show up in the parenting of your children?\

Parenting is something that is done on purpose, not by accident...
intentionally...not by the "seat of your pants." It is coordinated between
parents. It is not a powerless pursuit.

Parenting requires leadership.

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/LEADER

A position into which God places us...the position of parent

LEADING

Creating an atmosphere in which others want to follow

LEADERSHIP

Influencing results through the use of personal power\

Parenting involves disciplining our children with instruction. Remember that discipline is...

/DISCIPLINE

Training in a character pattern

PRO 22:6

Train up (dedicate yourself to) a child in the way he should go (narrow his path), even when he is old he will not depart (turn away) from it.

<PARENTING PLAN DIAGRAM>

Parenting has a VISION...

/VISION

What things look like in perfect condition\

...a vision is a prediction of what your children will look like when they are in perfect condition. For Christian parents, perfect condition with their children might look like this...

/PARENTING VISION

My children are exposed incessantly to the gospel message, the good news concerning the Lord Jesus Christ's Person and Work, so they have the best chance to respond positively to it, so they can become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ...we never take our children's salvation for granted.\

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When you have multiple children or in situations of divorce, it's quite easy in the midst of that turmoil to completely ignore your children's salvation and to hope they get the message from some source other than you.

<PARENTING PLAN DIAGRAM>

Parenting has three phases...each phase has an objective, a strategy, and a set of tactics. In phase 1, from ages 0 to 12, parents INCULCATE INSTRUCTION...in phase 2, from ages 13 to 18, parents HELP CHILDREN GROW...in phase 3, age 18 and older, parents LET CHILDREN GO. Let's be clear on something...this isn't what you want to do...this isn't what you think about doing...but it is the divine design...however, you have free will, and parents if you want your children to continue being children after age 18, and you want them to leave your house at age thirty as in the norm today, please don't complain when the fruit of an empty bank account and unpaid loans comes home to roost. For years, I've heard parents who treat their adult children like children beating their breasts and wondering why it is happening. You know why it is happening, all under the pseudo-benevolence of "I just want them to have it better than I did."

From ages 0 to 12, we as parents are to INCULCATE INSTRUCTION.

/PARENTING

Phase 1

INCULCATE INSTRUCTION

EPH 6:4b

...bring them (your children) up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

In phase one of parenting, the primary lesson is authority orientation...the lesson of obedience to genuine authority, whether this authority is evil or good.

/ROM 13:1

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

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We want our children, when they are young (0 to 12), to learn obedience because it makes for a peaceful household and for successful operation in a society that demands obedience.

/PARENTING

Phase 2

HELP CHILDREN GROW...HELP TEENS BECOME ADULTS

2PE 3:18

...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

From ages 13 to 18, we as parents are to HELP TEENS BECOME ADULTS...to help them grow. At thirteen, it's time to discard the strategy you used to get your children to the teen years, and to adopt a completely new strategy of parenting. You have taught your children, by this time, how to make decisions. Now you must teach them how to make mistakes... because no one learns anything in this life by being afraid to take risks.

/PARENTING

Phase 3

LET THEM GO

GEN 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

When children are 18 years of age, send them off to college or out into the world and butt out. We are raising our children to let them go. Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Be Exalted of God

When I Think About Home

Each phase of parenting has an objective.

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/PARENTING OBJECTIVE

An objective is specific, measurable, and bound in time\

Here are examples...

/PARENTING OBJECTIVE - 0 to 12 Years Old

Teach my children to make great decisions on a moment-by-moment basis so they have adult souls to match their adult bodies when they leave my home at age 18.\

/PARENTING OBJECTIVE - 13 to 18 Years Old

Allow my children to make decisions and to experience the consequences of their decisions under my protection, to ensure they have adult souls to match their adult bodies when they leave my home at age 18.\

/PARENTING OBJECTIVE – 18+

Trust the teaching that I have provided to my children enough to allow them to live their lives as unto the Lord without my interference.\

Each phase of parenting has a strategy.

/STRATEGY

What you will do for distinctive advantage.\

Here is are examples of parenting strategy...

/PARENTING STRATEGY - 0 to 12

Count on the direction of the Word of God to create an atmosphere of unconditional love for my children.\

/PARENTING STRATEGY - 13 to 18

Supervise the regular teaching of the Word of God in my home\

/PARENTING STRATEGY – 18+

Create a relationship of interdependence between families that respects the boundaries of each family in a non-judgmental way.\

Each phase of parenting has tactics.

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/TACTICS

The detailed actions that support an objective and a strategy...the milestones of progress that are part of a plan\

/PARENTING TACTIC – 0 to 12

Win Your Children's Hearts\

What do you want to teach your children? If I had it to do all over again, I would have a series of four camps ever year where I would teach some concentrated bit of knowledge. Maybe a one-week personal grooming camp...a one week social skills camp...a one week interaction with adults camp...a one week “try different things” camp. My kids were not allowed to call things “weird...” they called things they were not familiar with “different.” I exposed them to different things so they would be attuned to valuing the differences in other people. The hard part of this idea is the opening question...what do you want to teach your children? It's easy to figure out...it's all those things that drive you crazy. What do you do if your child get's a bug up his butt about reading, and he starts to announce the mantra, “I hate reading?” It's time for an “I love reading camp.” If you have to sit there and read with him, then that's life. You do it. I had a friend who was taking a course in Greek Mythology. She was wailing about it. I knew after a short bit of questioning that she didn't understand the fun in what she was reading. So we had a one evening mini-camp on reading Greek Mythology. I showed her the weaknesses in the translations she was reading from (which were boring, but romantic)...showed her some better translations that were more understandable...and compared what was being said. I won her heart for Greek Mythology, and it was because I love and understand Greek Mythology. If you love reading and you have a kid that does not love reading, you have to transfer your love of reading into your child.

A parenting tactic for teen-agers...

/PARENTING TACTIC – 13 to 18

Ignore the Rejection When You're Teaching\

Let's say you want to set up a daily, every other day, or weekly bible study at your home, with a conversation afterward supervised by you. What do you think the reception will be to that idea? You're not going to get a ticker

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tape parade for introducing that idea to your teens. You're going to get resistance. How will you handle the resistance? You ignore it.

You'll have to experiment with this to make it enjoyable, and that will take time. But you have to persist through the resistance. The easiest way to handle resistance is to enlist one child at a time to your side. Some of your kids will be positive to the idea and you praise them for their positive attitude. Praise every improvement and stay away from negative feedback about it.

It's funny to me how teens don't want to spend thirty minutes in bible study with a thirty-minute discussion, but they'll spend five hours playing video games. It's even more funny when a parent will allow five hours of video games and will be reluctant to set up a bible study for fear of rejection from their teens. Hmmmm...doesn't quite make sense. Here's what I know for sure. As long as you are paying the rent or a mortgage, you have say, and you can win them over to the Lord, even in the face of resistance.

/PARENTING TACTIC – 18+

Keep Your Opinions to Yourself

“There is more than one way to skin a cat,” or so the old saying goes. Why is it that many parents think their children are failures if they don't do exactly what the parent would do in every situation? Are you willing to be surprised? Sometimes your children have a better idea. Let them find out if they have a better idea. Butt out. There is a nagging thought for many parents that the adult child is going to make one move to ruin their lives. Lives are seldom ruined with just one move. However, if your adult child does ruin his life, it IS his life. Butt out.

My mom didn't like a lot of my decisions because they weren't what she would do. For example, my mom couldn't understand why I bought a 5000 square foot house when I came to Phoenix. It was simple...it was cheaper than the 1800 square foot house I had just sold in Chicago, and it was brand new construction. But my mom would always harp on the size of my house because she wouldn't have done that. Well...she's not me. I wish she had just kept her opinions to herself. It would have kept me from pushing her down the stairs.

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Having a parenting philosophy and a parenting plan in writing is a great idea. It's what God Himself would do. You don't know how? What knowledge did you come to earth with? None. So I guess you'll have to learn. You must be a lifelong learner, and that is a great thought process to instill in your children as well.

If you can only instill a few things in your kids with your parenting philosophy...here's the bible's recommendation...First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 3 and 4...

/1TI 2:3-4

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, //who desires all men to be saved and (for all men) to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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/CLOSING SONG

The Word is Alive\

CLOSING VERSES

/PRO 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

/DEU 31:8

The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed

/ISA 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that you continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of your person, your thinking, your work, your reputation and your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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