

Parenting with Promise # 4

Joshua 24¹⁴⁻²⁷

The heart of fathers & mothers

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Introduction

Parenting from heart to heart

1. Yielding our hearts to the Lord

Forsaking the foreign gods of pop psychology

Josh 24²³

Embracing God as Lord

Josh 24¹⁵

2. Uniting our hearts as co-heirs

Heirs of the promises

Prov 1⁸

Heirs together in prayer

1 Pet 3⁷

3. Pouring out our hearts for our children

Transparent living grace

Prov 1²³

Arrows to go

Ps 127⁴

Conclusion

Love that will let them go



Questions for adults

Read Deut 6¹⁻⁷, Eph 6⁴, Heb 12⁷⁻¹² (but don't feel constrained to these texts)



What is our heart's desire for our children?



What practical things can we do to seek to fulfil this desire?



What are some things that we might do which hinder this desire we have for our children?



Questions for children

Read Hebrews 12⁷⁻¹²



Why do our parents discipline us?



Will our parents be perfect in the way in which they discipline us?



Even when they are less than perfect, what should our attitude be towards our parents?



What is the connection between our parent's discipline of us, and God's discipline of us?