

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Shattered
Title: Shattered by Wandering Children
Text: Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 17:25
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WARM-UP

Can you tell the story of a time when you questioned the existence of God, the truth of the Bible, and the salvation that Christ offers you? What were the things that caused you wander from your Christian journey? What brought you back to Christ?

DISCUSSION

If you have a wandering son or daughter, there is a place for sorrow and self-examination. But you can't get stuck there. You must not wallow in your deficiencies. You must not think that success or failure depends entirely upon your parenting. You must resist the temptation to make your children's behavior all about you. You must turn your trust back to God. Take up your spiritual armor, fight the spiritual battle that rages over them with all of your God-given strength, and refuse to give up on their journey back to Christ.

This is also true if you have a wandering sibling or friend. Perhaps you are a parent who wants to help your child continue to following Christ.

Make your discussion today about how you can "fight the battle" for the lives of your children, siblings and friends. Close the evening by praying for each other and the children.

1. Pray For Them
 - Pray Scripture for them
 - Pray that they will hear God's voice
 - Pray for wisdom to know when you speak and when you are silent
 - Pray for all that God is doing that you don't yet see
2. Stop Protecting Them
3. Care About Their Struggles
4. Acknowledge Your Struggles And Doubts
5. Don't Expect Them To Be Christ Like
6. Welcome Them Home
7. Encourage Them More Than You Rebuke Them
8. Respect Their Friends
9. Text Them
10. Take Them To Lunch
11. Take An Interest In Their Interests
12. Point Them To Christ