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Week 4 - The 7 Biggest Mistakes Parents Make

Big Idea

We've all gone through many experiences where our parents may have given us ideas or perceptions of what it means to be a parent or even why we have certain views with specific topics. Their words may have shaped our reality and maybe we're starting to pass it along to our loved ones. But we can relearn what it means to become a mature follower of Christ.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) Did your parents have any milestones for you as you grew up in your household? If so, what were they? A.) When did you know you became a "Man" or "Woman"?
- 2.) Pastor Jason mentioned that one of the biggest mistakes parents make, is that they don't let their kids fail from time to time. "Too many times we are parenting for the short term, and not the long term." What is the upside of failing from time to time?

(Romans 5:3-5 NLT) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

- 3.) What are the dangers when we're constantly prioritizing someone's happiness?
- 4.) Pastor Jason taught that when "We sometimes lie about people's potential, and we don't explore people's true potential". At times, can it be hard to tell someone that they're actually not good at something?

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Next Steps

Parents, take time to reflect. Set healthy boundaries and let your kids fail sometimes, don't prioritize their happiness for what is most convenient, and create special moments in the crucial stages of their lives. If you're not a parent, take a reflection of how you were raised and create a Godly plan of how you would want to raise your children.

Prayer Requests & Final Prayer

God, we come before you and thank you for being the perfect father we could ever ask for. We know that you have the right intentions for our lives and we trust your word. We ask that you would give us wisdom with the decisions we make with our children and the relationships around us. Show us the areas where we can grow as a Christ follower. We thank you in advance for what You will do. Amen.