

# Gospel-transformed Home

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## Big Idea

The gospel transforms the **purpose** of my home: My family can show how compelling it is to live under God’s reign of love.

1. Show that God’s rule is **good**.

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Deuteronomy 5:32–33 (NLT)

“The family is the place where you learn to submit to authority instead of living for yourself.” ~ Tim Chester

“Obeying parents is willing submission to authority without delay, without excuse and without challenge”. ~ Paul Tripp

- Discipline willful disobedience & rebellion. ( **5C’s**)
  - **Clarification** — expectations
  - **Correction** — expectation redirection & reminders
  - **Consequences** — for willful disobedience & rebellion (operating in own authority)
  - **Contrition** — loving restoration & humble exploration of God-given parental authority and willingness to confess & repent for mistakes
  - **Coaching** — addressing & challenging heart motivations & restoration. Help your child discover they’re not the center of the world.
- Parents are designed to **model** God’s good, liberating, just rule.

## 2. Show that God's rule is **gracious**.

**Vv 2-3** "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: 3 If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

- When you, an adult child, honor your parents, especially when it's undeserved, it shows God's rule is gracious.

Luke 15 (NLT)

- God is a gracious Father who welcomes wayward children.

**V4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

- Our job is to show them what our Father in heaven is like.

## CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

1. What do you think about this idea: the family is the primary place for training children to submit to authority.
  - a. Have you noticed what happens to people who don't learn to live under authority? (How they cope in society (school, work, officials, the police...How they relate to God?)
2. **PARENTS**
  - a. Think about the sort of things you say to your children (or your parents said to you) as you discipline them.
    - i. Could you use this line with your children/grandchildren?
      1. "God has placed you under **my** authority to teach you to live under **His** authority"?
  - b. Can you see why allowing children to "obey" with delay, excuse, or challenge is really just willful disobedience?
  - c. How might it help you to think of your parental role as "showing them what our gracious Father in heaven is like" ?
3. **ADULT CHILDREN:** What is so challenging about "honoring your mother & father" (especially if you think they don't deserve it)?

## Grow On Your Own

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