

# Homeschool *Family Relationships* ONLINE SUMMIT

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## Event Playbook





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# Homeschool *Family Relationships* ONLINE SUMMIT

Homeschooling forces you to fight out relational battles, whether you like it or not. But conflict and challenges are the perfect place for us to learn to walk as Christ did ... if we can hold our tongues long enough to look to the Word!

So block off your calendar, prepare your heart, and get ready to be charged with a high calling:

Join us for the Family Relationships Summit, a week of video sessions with homeschooling and parenting authors and speakers, the Family Relationships Summit will urge (and equip!) you to find God's wisdom for your closest relationships so you can ...

***communicate*** with truth and grace,  
***strengthen*** your family's unity even through conflict,  
and ***lead*** your family to become a world-changing  
force for the kingdom of God.

*Are you ready?*





# Session Schedule & Checklist

## Day 1 – OPENING KEYNOTE

### ☐ How the Gospel Can Transform Your Family

October 14th, 4:00 PM CST

Voddie Baucham

## Day 2 – BIBLICAL RELATIONSHIPS

### ☐ Morning Devotional: Be Single-Minded

October 15th, 9:00 AM CST

Norm Wakefield

### ☐ Family Life: How God Intends a Family to Function Together

October 15th, 10:30 AM CST

Kevin Swanson

### ☐ What is a Family?

October 15th, 12:00 PM CST

Tedd & Margy Tripp

### ☐ Equipped to Love

October 15th, 2:00 PM CST

Norm Wakefield

### ☐ Resolving Conflict in the Home

October 15th, 3:30 PM CST

Lou Priolo

### ☐ A Generational Approach to Family Relationships

October 15th, 5:00 PM CST

David McAlvany

## Day 3 – MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIPS

### ☐ Morning Devotional: Be Intentional

October 16th, 9:00 AM CST

Norm Wakefield

### ☐ God's Recipe for a Happy Marriage

October 16th, 10:30 AM CST

Joel Beeke

### ☐ Marriage Mistakes Homeschool Moms Make (and How to Avoid Them)

October 16th, 12:00 PM CST

Tauna Meyer

### ☐ My Beloved My Friend

October 16th, 2:00 PM CST

Hal & Melanie Young

### ☐ Help, I'm Married to a Homeschool Mom!

October 16th, 3:30 PM CST

Todd Wilson

### ☐ Marriage, Communication, and Friendship

October 16th, 5:00 PM CST

Steve & Megan Scheibner

# Session Schedule & Checklist

## Day 4 – PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

- ☐ **Morning Devotional: Be Accountable**  
October 17th, 9:00 AM CST      Norm Wakefield
- ☐ **Ordinary Parents, Extraordinary Father: When Prodigals Break Our Hearts**  
October 17th, 10:30 AM CST      Christopher Yuan
- ☐ **The Relational Mother**  
October 17th, 12:00 PM CST      Nancy Campbell
- ☐ **The Relational Father**  
October 17th, 2:00 PM CST      Kevin Swanson
- ☐ **Reaching the Heart of Your Child**  
October 17th, 3:30 PM CST      Ginger Hubbard
- ☐ **Parenting with Words of Grace: Building Relationships with Your Children One Conversation at a Time**  
October 17th, 5:00 PM CST      William Smith

## Day 5 – SIBLING & PEER RELATIONSHIPS

- ☐ **Morning Devotional: Be Reliant**  
October 18th, 9:00 AM CST      Norm Wakefield
- ☐ **Teaching Your Children to BLESS**  
October 18th, 10:30 AM CST      Rachael Carman
- ☐ **The Power of Teamwork**  
October 18th, 12:00 PM CST      Stephen Kendrick
- ☐ **How to Help Your Children Become Best Friends in Christ**  
October 18th, 2:00 PM CST      Rob Rienow
- ☐ **Navigating Peer Relationships**  
October 18th, 3:30 PM CST      Israel & Brook Wayne
- ☐ **How to Keep Strong Relationships with Your Children While They Pursue Marriage**  
October 18th, 5:00 PM CST      Eric & Leslie Ludy

## Day 6 – YOUR FAMILY & THE WORLD

- ☐ **Morning Devotional: Be Zealous**  
October 19th, 9:00 AM CST      Norm Wakefield
- ☐ **Why Your Family Needs a Local Church**  
October 19th, 10:30 AM CST      Scott Brown
- ☐ **How Your Family Can Shine the Gospel in Your Neighborhood**  
October 19th, 12:00 PM CST      Phylicia Masonheimer
- ☐ **The Dangers of the Homeschool Bubble: Helping Your Kids Discover God's Full Will For Their Lives**  
October 19th, 2:00 PM CST      Bob Sjogren
- ☐ **Creating a Passion for Missions in Your Children**  
October 19th, 3:30 PM CST      Dennis Gundersen
- ☐ **How a Christian Legacy Can Influence Many People**  
October 19th, 5:00 PM CST      Ken Ham

# About Your Hosts

Daniel & Megan Craig first started homeschooling about 25 years ago ... well, their parents did! As homeschool grads, they are enthusiastic about home education, discipleship, and the church, and they take that into their daily life. Together, they desire to raise their family (two little ones so far!) to know and love Christ wholeheartedly in the context of daily family relationships, and they are grateful for every opportunity to share that passion with others!

**DANIEL & MEGAN**



Todd and Jessie have been married for over 20 years. They have eight children, ages 9 months–17. Homeschooling is a part of life as they raise their children to advance the Kingdom of God.

**TODD & JESSIE**

Stephen & Tara Craig are only a couple of years down the road of officially homeschooling their own children. And since they were both homeschooled themselves, they are learning every day to more fully appreciate the sacrifice and investment that their parents made. They love living life with their children, learning alongside them, and pointing them to Christ, whether they are sitting in their house, walking by the way, rising up, or laying down.

**STEVE & TARA**



# Day 1: Opening Keynote

## How the Gospel Can Transform Your Family

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Identifying the failing recipe for a godly family
- How to find hope in brokenness
- Practical steps for changing your family's focus

### *Takeaways:*

- Through the family, God communicates a picture of His relationship with the Son and His relationship with His redeemed people.
- We have to understand the significance of the fall and our brokenness in order to understand the great need we have for redemption.
- If you think you have everything together, you will fall apart at the sight of brokenness in your family.
- There is nothing too far gone for God. The dry bones can live again.
- We have a great need and we have a great hope — the person and work of Jesus Christ.

### *Notes:*



**VODDIE BAUCHAM**  
Voddie Baucham Ministries

*Voddie Baucham is dean of the seminary at African Christian University and previously served as Pastor of Preaching at Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, TX. He has authored numerous books, academic journals, and magazine articles. He is married to Bridget and they have nine children. They currently live in Lusaka, Zambia.*

# Day 2: Biblical Relationships

## Family Life: How God Intends a Family to Function Together

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Why a vision for family unity changes everything
- The definition and development of a family economy
- A simple way to bring gospel truth to light

### *Takeaways:*

- Scripturally, the family is viewed as a “household” and operates as a unit. Family unity is highly unusual for our day, but it is important biblically.
- Relationships are an opportunity for both love and conflict to develop — but conflict is another opportunity for love to grow.
- Without humility, you cannot reach conflict resolution and love for one another.
- God brings us into relationships so our sin is brought to light and the truth of the gospel brings us grace — and in it, God is glorified.
- Discipleship opportunities abound with family unity.

### *Notes:*



### **KEVIN SWANSON**

#### **Generations**

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# Day 2: Biblical Relationships

## What is a Family?

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Three ways to biblically understand the family
- Two contrasting appetites you can create in your children — and how to create the right one
- How to avoid decreasing your child's understanding of the truth

### *Takeaways:*

- Being complete in Christ is what gives us the ability to give to others.
- The beauty of what God calls us to, in the roles He has given to us, prepares us to have a fulfilling and successful experience as people made in the image of God.
- God wants the family to be a microcosm of the beauty of God and God's ways in the world.
- The family should be a place where our joy in God is lived out in self-sacrifice to one another.
- The most important aspect of being a parent is introducing God and His goodness to our kids.
- Our kids are hardwired for worship. They are made in the image of God and can't help worshipping something.
- The home is the place where we give God a reputation.

### *Notes:*



**TEDD & MARGY TRIPP**  
Shepherd Press

*Tedd Tripp is the president of Shepherding the Heart Ministries. He's developed materials for his teaching ministry, encouraging the people of God to understand how the gospel impacts the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Tedd is known around the world for the best-selling child-rearing book, Shepherding a Child's Heart, and as the presenter of Shepherding a Child's Heart Ministries. Tedd married his wife, Margy, in 1968, and they are now the parents of three adult children and nine grandchildren. Tedd is the author of A Parent's Handbook for Shepherding a Child's Heart, Hints for Parents, and co-authored Instructing a Child's Heart with his wife.*

# Day 2: Biblical Relationships

## Equipped to Love

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How to demonstrate with your life that Jesus is real
- Finding the unique purpose God has for you
- Identifying the difference between an earthly love and a God-centered love

### *Takeaways:*

- We waste our lives if we are not living to love like Christ.
- Once you start trying to write the story of what your family should be, you have just stepped into God's place. He has already determined the story of your family — to love.
- You can't truly love the people you are idolizing or hoping to "get something from."
- Every time we love, the Father and Son rejoice together in what they have done.

### *Notes:*



### **NORM WAKEFIELD**

#### **Spirit of Elijah Ministries**

*Norm founded The Spirit of Elijah Ministries International 22 years ago and has since served as its Executive Director. A speaker at homeschool conferences both nationally and internationally since 1992, Norm's messages seek to build up the body of Christ by giving practical, biblical teaching on how to apply the gospel to the most important relationships and circumstances of life. Equipped to Love: Building Idolatry-free Relationships was Norm's first book, published in 1999, and has been his most popular message and resource. Norm and his wife, Alma, reside in Bulverde, TX.*

# Day 2: Biblical Relationships

## Resolving Conflict in the Home

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- The top 3 reasons for conflict
- Identifying the internal attitudes that hinder relationships and hinder conflict resolution
- How to deepen your family's communication

### *Takeaways:*

- As Christians, we should be the best communicators in the world, because God has given us so much wisdom about communication in His Word.
- Dependence on God's grace is the biggest key to communicating in a way that builds up our family.
- Humility results in a willingness to see and take responsibility for our relational faults.

### *Notes:*



### **LOU PRIOLO**

#### **Nouthetic Media**

*Lou Priolo, a graduate of Calvary Bible College and Liberty University, holds a Doctorate of Divinity from Calvary University and has been a full-time biblical counselor since 1985. He is the author of several books, including The Heart of Anger, The Complete Husband, Teach Them Diligently, Pleasing People and Resolving Conflict, and also serves as the editor of the Resources for Biblical Living booklets. In addition to his books, Lou has dozens of recordings taken from his years of lectures, teaching, and preaching. Lou is a member of the International Association of Biblical Counselors, a Fellow in the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, and is currently Director of Biblical Counseling at Christ Covenant Buckhead in Atlanta. Lou and his wife, Kim, have been married since 1987 and are the parents of two girls, Sophia and Gabriella.*



# Day 2: Biblical Relationships

## A Generational Approach to Family Relationships

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- The high stakes of building a family legacy
- How to create a family culture map
- Three things to change your family's trajectory

### *Takeaways:*

- Every generation has to take ownership of what they've received and what they will leave for the next generation. Many people take either one or both ends of this for granted — either they don't understand what they've received, or don't understand their responsibility to put things into place for the next generation.
- Often a generation will inherit something and enjoy it as a beautiful gift, not understanding the responsibility of stewardship to take that, benefit from it, and pass it on to the next generation.
- Ask yourself, "Where do I want to be?" Then it's a matter of determining the small, tangible steps to get you there.
- Relationships cannot stand under the pressure of perfectionism.

### *Notes:*



#### **DAVID MCALVANY**

*David McAlvany is the CEO of the McAlvany Financial Group and author of The Intentional Legacy. Together with his wife Mary-Catherine, they are the proud homeschool parents of four children and have a very active family culture with a priority on togetherness.*

# Day 3: Marriage Relationships

## God's Recipe for a Happy Marriage

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How to fight for right expectations
- The biblical way to seek happiness
- Ways to nurture your children through your marriage

### *Takeaways:*

- When you expect everything from your marriage partner, you're putting too much weight on that person. When you put all expectations on Christ, He is honored.
- As special as your marriage is, there will always be times when you are disappointed in your spouse and disappointed in yourself. You need a rock outside of yourselves to lean on.
- One of the best things you can ever do for your children is to elevate and prioritize your marriage.

### *Notes:*



### **JOEL BEEKE**

*Dr. Joel R. Beeke (Ph.D., Westminster Seminary) is president of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics, and a pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also the editor of a family periodical (Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth), and the editorial director of Reformation Heritage Books. Joel is a frequent speaker at evangelical conferences around the world (including many homeschooling conferences), and a prolific author — especially in the area of marital, parental, and family guidance. He and his wife Mary have been blessed with three children and five grandchildren.*

# Day 3: Marriage Relationships

## Marriage Mistakes Homeschool Moms Make (and How to Avoid Them)

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Keys for identifying a wrong heart towards marriage
- Small, sustainable steps for prioritizing your marriage
- How to ask your husband to help you (without being negative!)

### *Takeaways:*

- Be intentional to seek out and consume resources that focus you on Christ and a proper perspective of marriage and its priority.
- If you make it a habit to be consumed by homeschooling, it is a recipe for disaster.
- Be aware of what your true expectations are for your husband in your homeschooling.
- Glean from the wisdom of other homeschool moms, rather than comparing yourself to them.
- Your marriage is meant to last longer than your homeschool career. Your marriage is a model of Christ and the church, and its purpose is not solely to raise children.

### *Notes:*



#### **TAUNA MEYER**

##### **Proverbial Homemaker**

*Tauna Meyer is a homeschooling mom of 6 who speaks to women with encouragement that is relatable, which includes providing tools that work in real life. She has a passion for helping moms overcome the hurdles that keep them from homeschooling successfully, all while pointing themselves and their children to Christ.*



# Day 3: Marriage Relationships

## My Beloved My Friend

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Relational keys that are more important than date nights
- One small habit that can make or break relationships
- The easiest way to build your relationship today
- How to recognize and avoid the “danger zone” of a crisis

### *Takeaways:*

- Are you looking for a date night? Or a long-lasting friendship in your marriage?
- We tend to want a large-scale step to improve a relationship, but it is in the small things that friendships are formed or broken.
- The real-life, daily interactions in a relationship show what it is really made of.

### *Notes:*



### **HAL & MELANIE YOUNG**

#### **Raising Real Men**

*Hal and Melanie Young are the parents of eight children, six boys and two girls, which they homeschooled from the beginning, and are now in the preteen journey with their youngest. They are popular speakers, podcasters, and the authors of several books including Raising Real Men, My Beloved and My Friend, and the Amazon best-seller Love, Honor, and Virtue. Their newest book is called No Longer Little: Parenting Tweens with Grace and Hope.*

# Day 3: Marriage Relationships

## Help, I'm Married to a Homeschool Mom!

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- The #1 best thing you can do in your homeschool journey
- Why expressing interest is key in a marriage
- What to do after you ask for advice

### *Takeaways:*

- Understand — together — why you are choosing homeschooling even before you begin. Husbands can be a huge encouragement to their wives by remembering and reminding them of these goals when the going gets tough.
- Homeschooling is ultimately not about the school part, it's about the home part .
- It's not about learning a lot of stuff, but about loving and being home together.

### *Notes:*



### **TODD WILSON**

#### **Familyman Ministries**

*Todd Wilson is a dad, granddad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and down-to-earth realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions, retreats, and churches across the country. As founder of Familyman Ministries, his passion and mission are to remind dads and moms of what is most important through a weekly email for dads, seminars, and books and products that encourage parents. Todd, and his wife Debbie, homeschool four of their eight children (four have graduated) in northern Indiana when they're not traveling America in the Familyman Mobile.*

# Day 3: Marriage Relationships

## Marriage, Communication, and Friendship

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Key principles to transform communication in your marriage
- The crucial role of considering your spouse's spirit
- Getting to the root of sarcasm in the home

### *Takeaways:*

- If something is a huge deal to your spouse (close to their heart or very offensive), then treat it as a huge deal — even if you didn't think it is.
- A huge key to a great marriage — it doesn't always need to be said.
- Hard things can be said when they are spoken kindly. When we're speaking in love, it makes what we're saying acceptable.
- Your marriage is bigger than your enjoyment and happiness.
- When we do what Scripture says, we are shining lights in a dark world.
- Stop thinking like an American and start thinking like a Christian who knows their Bible.

### *Notes:*



### **STEVE & MEGAN SCHEIBNER** Characterhealth

*Dr. Steve and Megan Scheibner have spent the last 20 years creating parenting and youth character development resources to assist parents in the all-important parenting journey. Both Steve and Megan are trained Christian counselors, and Steve received his doctorate in 2011, with his thesis focused on the role of parents in the character growth of children. Their extensive training and research into character development has uniquely prepared Steve and Megan to equip and encourage parents. Additionally, with eight children of their own, Steve and Megan's practical tips and techniques have undergone years of hands-on child testing. Join them as together we train a new generation of courageous, Christ-like, character healthy leaders.*



# Day 4: Parent-Child Relationships

## Ordinary Parents, Extraordinary Father: When Prodigals Break Our Hearts

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Finding your #1 goal as a Christian parent
- How to respond to your children when they disappoint you
- The biblical response to the world's message to our children
- Four things to teach your children about sin

### *Takeaways:*

- The opposite of every sin struggle is holiness.
- Our children's rebellious struggles are not their greatest sins. The biggest sin is unbelief toward God. Keep the primary problem the primary problem, rather than focusing on secondary issues.
- Perfect parenting does not guarantee perfect children.

### *Notes:*



### **CHRISTOPHER YUAN**

#### **Bearer of Christ Ministries**

*Dr. Christopher Yuan has taught the Bible at Moody Bible Institute for over ten years and his speaking ministry on faith and sexuality has reached five continents. He speaks at conferences, on college campuses, and in churches.*

*He co-authored Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God, A Broken Mother's Search for Hope with his mother, and their memoir now has over 100,000 copies sold, and has been translated into seven languages. He is also the author of Giving a Voice to the Voiceless. Christopher graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 2005, and then Wheaton College Graduate School in 2007 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis. In 2014, he received his doctorate of ministry from Bethel Seminary. Dr. Yuan's newest book is Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story.*

# Day 4: Parent-Child Relationships

## The Relational Mother

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- When to begin nurturing the mother/child relationship
- How your attitude about motherhood will impact your children
- Practical ideas for encouraging your child

### *Takeaways:*

- As you joyfully embrace the role of motherhood, you are doing God's will and are doing a great thing for God!
- How can you joyfully embrace motherhood? By being reprogrammed in the truth.
- When you encourage your children, it lessens the time you have to discipline them.
- Your children need to know you love being there with them.

### *Notes:*



### **NANCY CAMPBELL**

#### **Above Rubies**

*Nancy Campbell is the editress of Above Rubies, a magazine to encourage and strengthen families, wives, mothers, and homemakers. She has been producing this magazine for 40 years, reaching families all across the globe. Nancy and her husband Colin have six biological children and later adopted four teenagers from Liberia, West Africa who are now also grown and having their own children.*

*They have 45 grandchildren so far and 13 great-grandchildren. Colin and Nancy speak about family at seminars and weekend retreats throughout the USA and across the world. (Fun facts: Colin and Nancy are the parents of Wes and Steve Campbell who own and manage the Newsboys, and Wes is the original visionary of the God's Not Dead movies. They are also the parents of Serene and Pearl of Trim Healthy Mama.)*

# Day 4: Parent-Child Relationships

## The Relational Father

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How to cultivate warm communication in your home
- A five-minute challenge for home engagement
- Hope for mistakes

### *Takeaways:*

- We often come to define ourselves more by our accomplishments in the work world rather than by our covenantal, relational life.
- God has hardwired dads and moms as the means by which our children come to know Jesus.
- The default position in our homes should be gratitude and constant grace.

### *Notes:*



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#### **Generations**

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# Day 4: Parent-Child Relationships

## Reaching the Heart of Your Child

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How failures can point our children (and us!) in the right direction
- Practical steps for addressing your child's sin
- The purpose and power of loving discipline

### *Takeaways:*

- Tactics like counting to three or threatening are simply things that draw children away from instantly and completely obeying in a way that honors God.
- It is never enough to simply tell a child what not to do and administer consequences to them. Instead, walk them through what is right to do.
- Avoiding consequences is not the goal. Honoring God and bringing Him glory is the goal.
- Using your own words and your own wisdom will not benefit your children. They need to hear God's words and God's wisdom!

### *Notes:*



### **GINGER HUBBARD**

#### **Parenting on Purpose**

*Ginger Hubbard, bestselling author of Don't Make Me Count to Three, Wise Words for Moms, and I Can't Believe You Just Said That, speaks at women's events, parenting conferences, and homeschool conventions across the country. She has been a guest on national television and radio shows such as Focus on the Family, The 700 Club, FamilyLife Today, and Revive Our Hearts. Jesus saved and southern raised, Ginger is a veteran home-schooling mother of two adult children and stepmom to two stepsons. She and her husband, Ronnie, reside in Opelika, AL, where they enjoy working together from home.*

# Day 4: Parent-Child Relationships

## Parenting with Words of Grace: Building Relationships with Your Children One Conversation at a Time

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Three ways communication happens
- Integrating truth and love in speech
- Tips for getting to the heart in difficult relational situations

### *Takeaways:*

- When we speak with grace in the difficult moments, we communicate that our child has value to us no matter the difficulty they may cause.
- Your words communicate the God you know.
- The gospel works powerfully in negative spaces — it comes to us when we are not doing everything right and comes to us when we are broken and sinful.

### *Notes:*



### **WILLIAM SMITH**

*William P. Smith (PhD, Rutgers University; MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary) is a pastor, author, and retreat speaker who has served several churches, been a faculty member of the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation, and taught practical theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. He is the author of Parenting with Words of Grace, along with numerous other books and booklets. You can follow him on Twitter ([https://twitter.com/WPS\\_ministries](https://twitter.com/WPS_ministries)) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialWilliamPSmith/>).*

# Day 5: Sibling & Peer Relationships

## Teaching Your Children to BLESS

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Follow a simple outline for cultivating conversation that encourages family unity
- How our words reveal our heart toward our family
- Why good conversation should start in the home and then flow outside

### *Takeaways:*

- We can't get relationships outside the home right until we get our relationships inside the home right.
- Sibling relationships have more importance than other friendships because God hand-picked each family member.
- Kids need to see their parents model how to be a blessing to each other.
- As children get older, they need the space to resolve sibling conflicts on their own, instead of always needing a parent to be involved.

### *Notes:*



### **RACHAEL CARMAN**

#### **Apologia**

*Rachael Carman had it going on — or so she thought. After surviving sixty-three months of pregnancy, countless sleepless nights, and 35,000+ diapers, this one-time control freak encountered God's grace. In her books *How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?* and *How to Have a HEART for Your Kids*, Rachael challenges mothers to surrender their will and draw closer to their heavenly Father. She invites moms to join her in loving God passionately and worshiping him fully while sweeping up Cheerios, doing laundry, and planning dinner. You will be affirmed in your role as a mother as Rachael speaks of her struggles with perfectionism and impatience and shares her challenges, failures, and victories amid the ever-changing seasons of life. She has been married to her husband, Davis, since 1986. They have seven kids with whom they love to laugh. She and Davis are the owners of Apologia Educational Ministries.*

# Day 5: Sibling & Peer Relationships

## The Power of Teamwork

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How teamwork portrays the glory and character of God in a unique way
- Two chords that keep families united
- Learning to balance the “leader hat” by recognizing God’s unique giftings in family members

### *Takeaways:*

- The first step towards teaching your children teamwork is teaching them humility. Humility breeds unity but pride is always toxic.
- We can accomplish exponentially more and work exponentially faster for God when we work as a team.
- Prayer is an amazing unifier because it brings God into your brokenness and dysfunction, allowing Him to work through and turn your weaknesses into gifts.

### *Notes:*



### **STEPHEN KENDRICK**

#### **Kendrick Brothers**

*Stephen Kendrick has dedicated his life to following Jesus Christ and making His truth and love known among the nations. After serving in church ministry for 20 years, he now writes, speaks, and produces Christian films with his brothers, Alex and Shannon. Stephen directed the movies Overcomer, War Room, Courageous, Fireproof, Facing the Giants, and Flywheel, and co-wrote the NY Times bestselling books: The Love Dare, The Resolution for Men, and The Battle Plan for Prayer. He has been interviewed by Fox & Friends, CNN, ABC World News Tonight, and serves on the boards of the Fatherhood CoMission and the Christian Film Foundation. He and his wife, Jill, live in Albany, Georgia with their six children and are active members at Sherwood Church.*



# Day 5: Sibling & Peer Relationships

## How to Help Your Children Become Best Friends in Christ

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How God's goals for our families conflict with the enemy's
- Practical ways to foster a spiritual relationship between siblings
- How to practice biblical repentance and forgiveness in family relationships

### *Takeaways:*

- The home is the primary training ground for faith. Work towards an environment of spiritual support in your family!
- Satan wants siblings to work separately to help themselves — God wants them to work together for His Kingdom.
- Flex the “working together” muscles in your family.
- God created you as a family for a specific reason, to advance His work together.

### *Notes:*



#### **ROB RIENOW**

##### **Visionary Family Ministries**

*Dr. Rob Rienow's most important ministry is loving his wife Amy and partnering with her to lead their seven children to love God. He is the founder of Visionary Family Ministries ([www.visionaryfam.com](http://www.visionaryfam.com)), a pastor, international conference speaker, and the author of several books, including Visionary Parenting and Visionary Marriage. When Rob is not fishing for men, he enjoys fishing for fish. The Rienow family lives in West Chicago, IL.*

# Day 5: Sibling & Peer Relationships

## Navigating Peer Relationships

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- The impact that friends will have on our children
- How to develop peer relationships that promote family unity
- Why wise friendships are important

### *Takeaways:*

- Form family friendships with those who are heading the same direction in life. This is especially important as children get older and begin to deepen friendships for themselves.
- Help your children seek out people who are seeking God.
- As our children develop peer relationships, the main goal is to maintain family relationships and family unity. Relationships must start in the home.
- The people you spend substantive time around are going to change your life.

### *Notes:*



### **ISRAEL & BROOK WAYNE**

*Israel Wayne is an author and conference speaker and Director of Family Renewal. He and his wife, Brook, are raising their nine children in SW Michigan.*

# Day 5: Sibling & Peer Relationships

## How to Keep Strong Relationships with Your Children While They Pursue Marriage

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Keys for supporting your children through their pre-marriage relationships
- How to approach purity from a love for Christ rather than from rules
- How to integrate humility and support

### *Takeaways:*

- It is the spirit of the age to betray the parents and mentors who have invested the most in the lives of young people.
- Faith should define all seasons of our lives.
- Parents fill a crucial role in their children's lives, teaching them to respect, honor, and submit to something higher than themselves.
- As a parent, always be willing to say, "Look, I don't know what I am doing, but I'm willing to give it the best I can."
- Start today with what you know — perhaps that means starting to create a dialogue with your children.
- When prayer is your steering wheel, it is a good indication that you are embracing a godly approach to relationships.

### *Notes:*



### **ERIC & LESLIE LUDY**

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*Over the past twenty-five years, Eric and Leslie have shared their message around the country, overseas, and on virtually every conceivable Christian media platform. As a strong voice in the church today, the Ludys' poignant books and powerful messages present a clarion call to return to triumphant, Bible-centered, Christ-empowered Christianity. Learn more about Eric and Leslie at [www.ellerslie.com](http://www.ellerslie.com) or [www.setapartgirl.com](http://www.setapartgirl.com).*

# Day 6: Your Family & The World

## Why Your Family Needs a Local Church

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- How Jesus' heart for His church should affect the course of our families
- Why the local church must be a priority — and how to keep it that way!
- Practical thoughts for when the church doesn't meet your expectations

### *Takeaways:*

- The local church is massively important for God's plan for the redemption of mankind.
- When you try to understand the importance of something, you should ask "who loves it?" — and Jesus LOVES His church.
- God actually designed your family to be impacted by a whole other culture — the church.
- God has provided the local church for family discipleship, and families are obligated to prioritize that.
- Is your family shepherd-able?
- To love the church is to love people who have names.

### *Notes:*



**SCOTT BROWN**  
NCFIC

*Scott T. Brown is the president of the National Center for Family-Integrated Churches and elder at Hope Baptist Church in Wake Forest, NC. Scott graduated from California State University in Fullerton with a degree in History and received a Master of Divinity degree from Talbot School of Theology. He gives most of his time to local pastoral ministry, expository preaching, and conferences on church and family reformation. Scott helps people think through the two greatest institutions God has provided — the church and the family.*



# Day 6: Your Family & The World

## How Your Family Can Shine the Gospel in Your Neighborhood

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Keys for developing a joyful, warm, welcoming atmosphere in your home
- Identifying and fighting the enemy of hospitality
- How to involve children (even the youngest!) in family hospitality

### *Takeaways:*

- People do not care what your house looks like when it's a warm place, inviting them to be known.
- Perfectionism seeks to serve ourselves while hospitality places the emphasis on God and our neighbors.
- If you are waiting for others to reciprocate and give back, you are in danger of growing bitter.
- Make hospitality a family venture — even the youngest children can participate!

### *Notes:*



**PHYLCIA  
MASONHEIMER**  
Driven Women

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# Day 6: Your Family & The World

## The Dangers of the Homeschool Bubble: Helping Your Kids Discover God's Full Will For Their Lives

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Discover what the “homeschool bubble” is
- Find the answer to the “homeschool bubble”
- What to do when life doesn't look “safe” or comfortable

### *Takeaways:*

- As Christian parents, it is important to make sure that we are not protecting our children so closely that they are unable to follow God's will.
- If life is a series of opportunities to glorify God, then let's go see how we can make God famous!
- We are never called to a “safe” gospel. Rather than trying to protect your children from danger or difficulty, commit to walking with them through it!
- In our humility, brokenness, and weakness, God's glory shines greatly.

### *Notes:*



### **BOB SJOGREN**

**Cat and Dog Theology /  
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*Bob Sjogren is an international speaker, and the creator of Cat and Dog Theology. Bob and his wife Debby have been in the homeschooling industry for over 30 years. After having homeschooled their four children, Bob and Debby created a life-changing Bible curriculum for children that Bob has been teaching around the globe. They have been married for 33 years and live in Richmond, VA.*

# Day 6: Your Family & The World

## Creating a Passion for Missions in Your Children

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Who needs to think about missions
- Practical tips for preparing to “go” in missions
- How to encourage reluctant children towards God’s plan for saving the nations

### *Takeaways:*

- Creating a passion for missions in your children begins in your own life.
- Help your children understand the world in a way that is different than the news portrays.
- Don’t be afraid of communicating through the language barrier. People can and need to see your love.

### *Notes:*



### **DENNIS GUNDERSEN**

#### **Grace & Truth Books**

*Dennis Gundersen is president of Grace and Truth Books, a Christian publisher of children's stories from the 1800s with a character-building emphasis. After serving as senior pastor at two Tulsa churches (1984–2009), Dennis is now devoted to writing, publishing and conference speaking. He is the author of many books, including Your Child's Profession of Faith and Courtship or Dating: So What's the Difference? Dennis is a frequent speaker at church conferences, men's retreats, and home education conventions. He and his wife Naomi have been married 43 years and have four adult sons and six grandchildren.*

# Day 6: Your Family & The World

## How a Christian Legacy Can Influence Many People

### *Key things to listen for in the video session:*

- Real-life examples of living on the foundation of God's Word
- How the daily routine of your life and habits makes a difference
- The answer for a heart burdened for the next generation

### *Takeaways:*

- The way you live in light of God's Word affects your children and their future. Your children watch you very carefully.
- What you say and do have a serious impact on the future generation.
- Stand on God's Word to defend the faith.
- If you are burdened for your children and dedicated to training them, you will study God's Word with persistence.
- The priority of spiritual upbringing is foremost and should always be.

### *Notes:*





**KEN HAM**

**Answers in Genesis**

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