

By show of hands...

- How many of you grew up in a Christian home or had some exposure to the Bible?
- How many of you knew the teachings of Jesus and what the Bible requires of us but walked away?

Doesn't Proverbs 22-6 say "*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it*".

Last Sunday we heard from a young man and lady who grew up in with Christian influence, one stole from his church, the other was shooting heroin and in the clutches of Satan ready to commit suicide, but her Mother was in the closet reading the bible and along came Cops for Christ!

Because of Jesus, they were here sharing about how he changed their life!

Listen to what Moses wrote in Deut 6:5-9

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. 8 Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. NLT

Notice the action words Moses uses:

1. Repeat them
2. Talk about them
3. Tie them
4. Wear them
5. Write them – on the doorframes of your houses!

As parents, teaches, leaders, friends and family – we have been mandated by scripture to train and instruct our children about the Lord and His ways.

This is the Purpose of KIDMO...

LEARN IT – to know Jesus and his teachings

LINK IT – to apply it to their life

LIVE IT – so they might be a light unto the world, a city on a hill

Let's turn to Matthew 7: 24-29

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24 *"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.* 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash." 28 After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 for he taught as one who had real authority — quite unlike the teachers of religious law. NLT

When Jesus told this parable, he would have been reflecting on the builders of His day, or even his growing up in a Carpenters shop. You see, during the hot summer months on the seashore of the Sea of Galilee, the sand on top was hard on the surface, but **a wise builder** would **not be fooled** by those surface conditions. He would dig down sometimes 10 ft below the surface sand to the bedrock below and there he would establish his foundation for his home. So when the winter rains came and overflowed the Jordan river the house built on the sand surface would have an unstable foundation, but **the home built on bedrock** could **withstand the floods**.

So what does this mean for us today?

Our kids need to be taught the truth of Scripture.

Psalm 27

Psalm 18

Look at the words Jesus uses to emphasize his message (remember the people where familiar with the shores of Galilee and the winter rains).

Listen		Builds
Obey	Wise Person	Rock

We must not only listen to what Jesus teaches, but we must follow him obediently by building our lives upon Him, then we will become wise and be able to face whatever trials come our way.

Our children are growing up in a culture that moves SO FAST; it shifts in many directions based on the latest trends, fashions, music and media. Science is always boasting of new discoveries, the media is drenching their minds with STUFF, if ya have lots of stuff then you'll be happy... Everything on TV has a sexual undertone, the TV exec's knows sex sells – we have Gay TV channels. I heard the other morning on WRCN about a Gay Radio station in Canada!!

If we don't take responsibility to teach our children the moral and righteous truths of the Bible, guess who will?

As our children grow up they will be taught things in school that will be in DIRECT VIOLATION with God's word –

Ever hear of Professor Dawkins?

He recently released a new book called "God Delusion" – here is a quote!

"If this book works as I intend it to, Religious readers will open this book and will be an atheist by the time they put it down"

Another damaging book that turned the weak to question their faith was the DaVinci Code.

We must teach our children God's word, repeat again and again, so it sinks down deep into their heart "your word O Lord is like a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".

They need to know who Jesus is, how much he desires a relationship with them so they too can build their house on solid rock. So when the world's empty philosophies attack them –

THEY WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET THEM FREE
(John 8:32)

A certain Pastor observed a little girl standing outside the pre-school Sunday School classroom between Sunday School and worship, waiting for her parents to come and pick her up for "Big Church". The Pastor noticed that she clutched a big story book under her arm with the title "Jonah and the Whale".

Feeling mischievous, he knelt beside the girl and asked, "what's that you have in your hand".

"This is my story book about Jonah and the Whale," she answered.

"Tell me something," he continued, "do you believe that story about Jonah and the Whale?"

The girl said, "why, of course I believe it!"

The Pastor inquired further, "you really believe a man can be swallowed up by a big whale, stay inside him all that time, and come out OK?"

She declared, "yes! This story is in the Bible, and we talked about it in Kidmo today."

Then the Pastor asked, "Can you prove to me this story is true?"

She thought for a moment and then said, "Well, when I get to heaven, I'll ask Jonah."

Finally the pastor asked, "What if Jonah's not in heaven?"

The girl put her hands on her hips and sternly declared, "Then YOU ask him!"