



TRANSFORMING OUR CHILDREN'S DESTINIES

Exodus 2:1-10, Hebrews 11:23

- *"Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him."* (Psalm 127:3)
- **Being a Parent is an awesome blessing from the Lord, but there are many challenges that come along with being a Parent.**
- **Some Adults are physical Parents in their Children's lives, while other Adults have the opportunity to be spiritual Parents to people in their lives.**
- *"By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict."* (Hebrews 11:23)
- **It is the privilege and responsibility of Christian Parents and Caring Adults to care for the Children around them and point them to God; and when we do we transform their destinies (Exodus 2:1-10).**

We Can Change Our Children's Destinies By:

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM THE WORLD

- *"About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months."* (Exodus 2:1-2)
- **We would have never learned about Moses if his Parents had not taken extraordinary means to protect him.**

We Protect Our Children By:

- **ESTABLISHING GODLY HOMES AROUND THEM**
 - **Godly homes provide prayer, Bible study, faithful Church attendance and godly entertainment.**
 - *"How happy are those who fear the Lord – all who follow His ways! . . . And look at all those children. They sit around . . . as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. That is the Lord's reward for those who fear Him."* (Psalm 128:1-4)
- **CONNECTING THEM TO GODLY FRIENDS**
 - *"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."* (Proverbs 13:20)

- Parents/Grandparents at Celebration should do everything they can to keep their Children involved in Kidztown, Midpoint and our Youth Ministry, so they can have godly friends in their lives.
- **CORRECTING THEM WITH GODLY DISCIPLINE**
 - *“Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.”* (Proverbs 13:24)
 - **Discipline for children is necessary and good when extended with the right motive, and is needed to bring children to maturity.**
- *“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”* (Psalm 34:7)

We Can Change Our Children's Destinies By:

ENTRUSTING OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD (Exodus 2:3-4)

- *“But when she could no longer hide him, the mother got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.”* (Exodus 2:3-4)

We Entrust Our Children To The Lord By:

- **PRAYING FOR THEM**
 - *“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.”* (James 5:16)
- **BRINGING THEM TO CHURCH**
 - *“Let us not give up meeting together, as some people do.”* (Hebrews 10:25)
 - **When children are consistently brought to Church services and activities they learn to prioritize the Lord, and they learn Biblical principles that transform their values and lives.**
- **LEADING THEM TO THE LORD**
 - *“They shared the word of the Lord with him (the jailer) and all who lived in his household. That same hour . . . everyone in his household was baptized . . . and his household rejoiced because they all believed in God.”* (Acts 16:33-34)
 - **We can share our faith with our Children by: 1) Reading the Bible (or Bible stories) with them, 2) Bringing them to Church regularly, 3) Talking about who the Lord is to us and what He's done for us, 4) Sharing our conversion story with them, 5) Watching Christian-themed movies with them and dialoguing afterwards, 7) Asking them about their spiritual beliefs and relationship with the Lord, etc.**
 - ***How is Heaven going to really be “heaven” for us if our family members aren't there with us throughout eternity?***

We Can Change Our Children's Destinies By:

GROWING OUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD

- *“Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrew children,’ she said.*

Then the baby's sister approached the princess. 'Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' she asked. 'Yes, do!' the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. 'Take this baby and nurse him for me,' the princess told the baby's mother. 'I will pay you for your help.' So the woman took her baby home and nursed him." (Exodus 2:5-9)

We Grow Our Children In The Lord By:

- **MODELING GODLY EXAMPLES TO THEM**
 - **We all learn from the examples of others – and our children are watching us and they will follow our example in many ways in their lives.**
 - Jesus – *"Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father."* (Matthew 5:16)
- **EQUIPPING THEM SPIRITUALLY**
 - *"Bring them (your children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4)
 - **Children need to be instructed about the stories, beliefs and values found in the Bible, and need to have Biblical principles illustrated to them.**
- **ENGAGING THEM IN CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES**
 - *"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."* (Hebrews 10:24)
- Paul to Timothy – *"I know that you have the faith of your mother . . . and your grandmother . . . This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you . . ."* (2 Timothy 1:5-6)
- *"Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, 'I lifted him out of the water.'" (Exodus 2:10)*
- **Moses became one of the greatest men who ever lived – and one of the reasons that happened is because of the encouragement and training he received from his birth parents and the Egyptian woman who adopted him.**
- *"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)*
- **It takes FAITH and FEARLESSNESS to raise godly children in our dangerous world.**
- *"By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict." (Hebrews 11:23)*