

Plan A
Deuteronomy 6:1-9, II Timothy 3:10-17
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Zach and Katie I think you're doing a great job raising Peyton.
Videos I see on Facebook. What I've observed in person.

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- It's great if Peyton is a cheerleader like her mama.
But God did not command cheerleading for all His people,
and cheerleading has no eternal significance.
- It's great if Peyton is a gifted soccer player or gymnast or golfer, but ...
- It's great if Peyton is an excellent flute player or trumpet player ...
- It's great if Peyton is a straight A student ...
- It's great if Peyton walks in obedience and in a close loving relationship with The Lord her God,
for God has commanded that for all His people,
and that will bring more richness to her life than cheerleading or soccer or flute playing or even a full ride scholarship to Harvard, Princeton or Yale,
→ and that obedient, loving relationship with God DOES have eternal significance.

So what does it mean to love God?
Loving God is more than a feeling.

2. To love God means to be intimate or close with Him.

James 4:8 ***Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.***

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Isaiah 40:11 ***He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.***

- Picture Jesus carrying your child close to His heart! All his or her life!

- To be intimate with Jesus means to be in Him like a branch is connected to a vine.

John 15:5 ***"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."***

Hebrews 10:22 ***Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.***

- Baptism reminds us of our intimacy with God.

3. To love God means to obey Him.

John 14:15-17 ***If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.***

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- My cousin's beautiful girlfriend, "If I have a boyfriend he'll have to love God more than he loves me." "I will!"
- To love God with ALL one's heart means that we **don't compartmentalize** our faith, as if we keep it in the religion drawer. It permeates and predominates all of life.
- Surrender anything that keeps you from loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength, being.

5. Our love is a response to God's love.

I John 4:10 ***This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.***

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- The best way to teach your child to love God is to teach her or him how God loves her or him.
- God loves Peyton and wants to be intimate with her. God sent Jesus. Jesus came to die. The Holy Spirit has come to live in her.
- Gospel

6. We can only teach what we know.

I Corinthians 11:1 *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*
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- We teach by example.
- As you teach your children about God, you will learn more yourself. And that will be a great adventure.

7. Raising godly children is God's Plan A.

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8. Conversion later in life is God's Plan B.

Titus 3:3-6 *At one time we were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, ⁵not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us, through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

(Cf. I Corinthians 6:9-11)

- If you don't put plan A into effect, God may well go with plan B. God may reveal Himself to her and bring her to repentance later in life, but look at all she will have missed. Look at all that will have been wasted!

9. God has no grandchildren.

John 1:12-13 *Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

- If anyone here has never put your trust in Christ, do so today.
- May this word create reality in Peyton's life and in the lives of all who hear.

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Deuteronomio 6:5 amar al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón y con toda tu alma y con toda tu fuerza. 6 Estos mandamientos que yo te mando hoy se en vuestro corazón. 7 Impresionar a sus hijos. Hablar de ellas cuando te sientes en tu casa y cuando vayas por el camino, cuando te acuestes y cuando te levantes.

Efesios 6:1-4 Hijos, obedeced a vuestros padres en el Señor, porque esto es justo. 2 "Honra a tu padre y a tu madre", y que es el primer mandamiento con promesa: 3 "que te vaya bien, y que usted pueda disfrutar una larga vida en la tierra." 4 padres, no provoquéis á ira á vuestros hijos; sino, para ponerlas en la formación e instrucción de el Señor.

- Es genial si Peyton es una animadora como su mamá. Pero Dios no mando animan a todo su pueblo, pero porras no tiene importancia eterna.
- Es genial si Peyton es un talentoso jugador de fútbol o gimnasta o jugador, pero... Es genial si Peyton es un excelente flautista o trompetista... Es genial si Peyton es una recta un estudiante...
- Es muy bueno ME gustaría Peyton camina en la obediencia y en una estrecha relación de amor con el Señor su Dios, que Dios te ha mandado que de todo su pueblo, y que traerá más riqueza a su vida de ser porrista y jugar fútbol o flauta o incluso una completa suspensión de beca Harvard, Princeton y Yale, y que obediente, amorosa relación con Dios tiene importancia eterna.

Amar a Dios es más que un sentimiento?

2. Amar a Dios significa ser íntimo o cercano a él.

James 4:8 Cerca de Dios, y él se allegará á vosotros. Lávese las manos, pecadores, y vosotros de doblado ánimo, purificad los corazones.

Salmo 61:4 ME largo a habitar en tu tienda para siempre y refugiarse en el refugio de tus alas.

Isaías 40:11 como pastor apacentará su rebaño, recoge los corderos en sus brazos; los lleva junto a su pecho, y guía con cuidado a las recién paridas.

- Imagen Jesús llevando su hijo cerca de su corazón! Toda la vida!
- A tener una relación íntima con Jesús significa estar en él como una rama está conectado a una vid.

John 15:5 *"Yo soy la vid; vosotros los sarmientos. El que permanece en mí y yo en él, éste lleva mucho fruto; porque sin mí nada podéis hacer."*

Hebreos 10:22 *"Acerquémonos a Dios con un corazón sincero con la plena seguridad de la fe, que nuestros corazones salpicados de limpiarnos de una conciencia culpable y que tienen nuestros cuerpos lavados con agua pura."*

- Bautismo nos recuerda de nuestra intimidad con Dios.

3. Amar a Dios significa a obedecerle.

Juan 14:15-17 *Si me amáis, obedecer lo que yo os mando. 16 Y yo le pediré al Padre, y él os dará otro Consolador para estar con vosotros para siempre: 17 el espíritu de la verdad. El mundo no puede aceptarlo, porque no le ve, ni le conoce. Pero ustedes sí lo conocen, porque vive con vosotros, y será en vosotros.*

Juan 15:10-11 *Si guardareis mis mandamientos, permaneceréis en mi amor, como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre, y permanezco en su amor.*

4. Amar a Dios significa amar completamente de él.

Lucas 10:27 contestó: *"amar al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón y con toda tu alma y con toda tu fuerza y con toda tu mente", y "Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo".*

Mateo 10:37 *"Quien ama a su padre o madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; quien ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí;*

- Entrega todo lo que te impide amar a Dios con todo tu corazón, alma, mente, fuerza.
- A amar a Dios con todo el corazón significa que no nos divida nuestra fe, como si lo hacemos en la religión. Impregna y predomina todos los aspectos de la vida.

5. Nuestro amor es una respuesta al amor de Dios. YO SOY

Juan 1 4:10 *Este es el amor: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y nos envió a su hijo en propiciación por nuestros pecados.*

Juan 4:19 *nos encanta porque él nos amó primero.*

- La mejor manera de enseñar a su hijo a amar a Dios es enseñar a él o a ella cómo Dios ama a él o a ella.
- Dios ama Peyton y quiere tener una relación íntima con ella. Dios envió a Jesús. Jesús vino a morir. El Espíritu Santo ha venido a vivir en ella.
- Evangelio

6. Sólo podemos enseñar lo que sabemos.

I Corintios 11:1 *Siga mi ejemplo, como yo sigo el ejemplo de Cristo.*

Tito 2:7 *en todo lo que un ejemplo de lo que es bueno. En su doctrina, dignidad, seriedad.*

- Tenemos que enseñar con el ejemplo.
- Como enseñar a sus hijos acerca de Dios, aprenderá más. Y que va a ser una gran aventura.

7. Recaudación niños divinos es el Plan de Dios A.

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II Timoteo 3:14-15 *Pero persiste tú en lo que has aprendido y se han convertido en convencidos, porque se sabe de quién has aprendido; 15 y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden hacer sabio para la salvación por la fe que es en Cristo Jesús.*

8. Conversión más adelante en la vida es el Plan de Dios B.

Tito 3:3-6 *en un momento dado se nos tonto, desobediente, engañados y esclavizados por todo tipo de pasiones y placeres. Viviendo en malicia y envidia, aborrecibles, aborreciendo los unos á los otros. 4Pero cuando el cariño y el amor de Dios, nuestro Salvador, Él nos salvó, no por 5 cosas justas que habíamos hecho, sino por su misericordia. El nos salvó, por el lavacro de la regeneración y la renovación por el Espíritu Santo, 6que derramó sobre nosotros abundantemente por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Salvador.*

(Cf. I Corintios 6:9)

- Si no pones un plan en vigor, Dios puede muy bien ir con el plan B. Dios puede revelarse a Sí Mismo a ella y que el arrepentimiento más tarde en la vida, pero mira que se han perdido. Ver todo lo que se habrá desperdiciado.

9. Dios no tiene nietos.

Juan 1:12-13 *pero a todos los que le recibieron, a los que creen en su nombre, les dio potestad de ser hechos hijos de Dios; 13 los niños nacidos no de filiación natural, ni de decisión humana o de un esposo, sino que nació de Dios.*

- Si aquí alguien nunca ha puesto su confianza en Cristo, en el día de hoy.

- La Peyton para conocer, amar y obedecer a Dios, no es sólo un Plan de Dios, es nuestra prioridad #1. No hay nada mejor que podemos hacer por nuestros hijos. Ore por los niños del ministerio @ WPC.

Gestionando Esta palabra puede crear realidad en Peyton la vida y en la vida de todos los que escuchan.

No hay más que un solo Dios. Sólo Él es digno de nuestra lealtad y digno de dirigir nuestra

Hay dos tipos de personas: los que conocen a Cristo y los que no. (Sólo hay un tipo de persona en el cielo.)

