



Parents' Corner

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Our theme this month is “Pressing On, Knowing that, Lord, It’s All about You.” Parents I encourage you to “press on toward the goal to win the prize...” Philippians 3:14

I know sometimes parenting can be challenging. Just remember the Good Shepherd is right by your side! The Holy Spirit is always with you, and you are never alone! We have to stay strong in the Lord – never lose your hope, joy, faith, and keep on praising our Lord and Savior. As parents, we must “press on,” for our children are watching every move we make, and listening to every word we say! Our children must see Jesus in us, and see us “pressing on” NO MATTER WHAT!

It’s all about Christ living in us. We are God’s example; we are walking Bibles! If we quote scripture and fail to live it, how can we expect our children to lead Godly lives? We as parents must show love to our children in order for them to understand God’s love. We have to show our children that love is constant and unconditional. When our love appears on and off, or is something that happens only when the child is doing the right thing, confusion happens! Children need to know they can make a mistake and still be loved. They should not get love only when they are “good.” I put “good” in quotes because I believe everything God made is good and we should stay away from saying “be good” or “were you good today” or “you were a bad boy.” God made us good but sometimes we make wrong choices. We can let children know we are unhappy with their behavior *and* we still love them. Remember, Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners. He showed His Love to us and gave His life to show us we were worth dying for, just as we are, NOW!

Our children need to feel we can be trusted. They need to feel safe and cared about. Ask God to let His Love flow through you. Keep Pressing On. God Loves You!