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READING THE BIBLE WITH PURPOSE

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Real Hope for Your Home:
Practical Applications*

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Key Idea

Whenever God gives us a call to obedience, he has already given us what we need to do it. In his love, God provides the motivation and the tools we need in order to obey him. When we read the Bible with this in mind, it makes reading it exciting and life-changing!

Let's look at some familiar parenting passages that

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1. What are the commands God gives parents in v.4-9?

NOTE: While these are extremely important they do not help us do them.

2. Now, read the context in 6:10-12 and 6:20-23.

3. What has God said that he has done and will do that bolsters these parents' obedience?

4. Does what God did for them help us today?

Read Psalm 78:4-8

1. What are parents (fathers particularly) commanded to do?

2. What impact can one faithful father have?

3. Now, read Psalm 78:9-72.

4. There is a pattern of behavior on the part of humans and on the part of God evident in verses 9-72. What is it?

5. What is it about parenting that makes this specific pattern of encouragement effective, even necessary?

6. As parents, we seem to think our role is to teach them the do's and the don'ts. Indeed, this is true. But these verses provide a broader definition of what we are to teach our children. What else are we to teach our children?

7. What percentage of your teaching falls into the category of commands versus his glorious acts of grace, love and redemption? Are your children seeing a clear connection between these acts and our obedience in their own walk with Christ?

Helpful Ways to Describe This Relationship

A couple terms that help us describe the relationship that God's provision has on our obedience is "Comfort and Call". God provides the comfort of the gospel with the call to obedience. Another term is "Indicative and Imperative". The indicatives; what is true about us because of what Jesus has accomplished for us provides motivation and strength for us to actually obey God's commands; the imperatives.
