

DARE TO WONDER: *How to Be a Hero to Your Child...*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- i. I wonder if we have made the great journey of parenting into a religion like career, technology, food, politics and romance.
- ii. There is a lot of good news with the iGen (those born after 1994) smoke less, drink less, don't have sex, less rebellious, more tolerant, AND yet slow to launch, socially isolated and depressed (for more read *iGen* by Jean Twenge).

WE CAN HAVE LESS ANXIETY AS A PARENT AND BE A HERO TO OUR CHILDREN IF WE LEAN INTO A FEW SIMPLE TRUTHS

I. CHILDREN BELONG TO GOD

- A. Kids are proof that not even God gets discouraged.
- B. We steward little humans...
- C. We stay with our partner (if we have one).

II. DON'T UNDER PARENT

- A. They need a parent, not a friend.
- B. Create a safe place called home.
- B. Not everyone ought to get a trophy.
- C. Having hurt feelings is not abuse-abuse is abuse.
- D. "I love you no matter what..."

III. DON'T OVER PARENT

- A. Beware of Helicopters, Tigers and lawnmowers.
- B. Learn and grow from mistakes in the context of parent-child relationship.

IV. FAITH not fantasy

- A. Model it.
- B. Talk about it naturally and when it comes up, which will be when you are tired and least expect it.
- C. PPC partners with you in this endeavor of child rearing.

V. LAUGH MORE

- A. My mantra now is, "if they are here, it's a great day!"
- B. Go outside today without your screens.
- C. Our goal is to launch people into the world.
- D. You got this!

AS A RESULT OF THESE TEACHINGS:

I WILL _____