



imperfect parents
trying to raise *perfect* children



Luke 2:41 NLT

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.



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Point *01*.



Luke 2:42 NLT

42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.



Luke 2:21-22 NLT

21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived 22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.



2 Timothy 1:5 NLT

5 I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.



When you live out your spiritual life
in front of your kids not only do you
feed yourself

personally,

but you feed your children

inspirationally.

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Point 02.



Luke 2:43-45 NLT

43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there.



Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

When we try and raise our children alone, they miss out on the benefit of other men and women pouring into their lives.

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They traveled in Biblical community.

They hold their children accountable.

Point 03.



Luke 2:46-50 NLT

46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." 49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

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Holding your children accountable
means to set clear

boundaries

and execute

corrective

discipline.



1 Kings 1:6a

6 Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, "Why are you doing that?"



Luke 2:52 NLT

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.