



# FAMILY Values

## Grace for Mistakes January 25, 2026

Truth without love is cruel and love without truth is permissive. Where have you seen either extreme cause harm in families or in the church? Share some examples of how Jesus modeled both truth and love in his interactions with people?

### **Read Romans 3:23 and Ephesians 2:8-9**

Romans 3:23 reminds us that all people fall short. How should this truth shape the way we respond when our children or others under our influence make mistakes? How should Ephesians 2:8–9 keep us from responding with pride or harshness?

### **Read Proverbs 28:13 and 2 Corinthians 7:10**

What is the difference between shame and biblical conviction? How do these verses help us understand the kind of repentance that leads to growth?

The sermon emphasizes that the home should be the safest place to make mistakes. If your children were asked, would they describe your home that way? Why or why not? How does God's approach our failures as kids and as parents?

Proverbs 26:11 warns about repeating foolish behavior. What keeps people from learning from their mistakes? How can parents help children learn rather than rescue or enable them when they make a bad choice?

Proverbs 12:15 teaches that wise people listen to advice. Who are the wise voices speaking into your life right now? What can make it difficult for adults to seek counsel, according to Proverbs 18:1–2?

Proverbs 13:20 shows that relationships shape outcomes. How should parents respond when friendships consistently lead their children into trouble?

The sermon describes dominant, permissive, neglectful, and loving-and-firm parenting. Which style do you (or did you) tend toward under stress? How can you seek to encourage someone in their parenting journey?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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