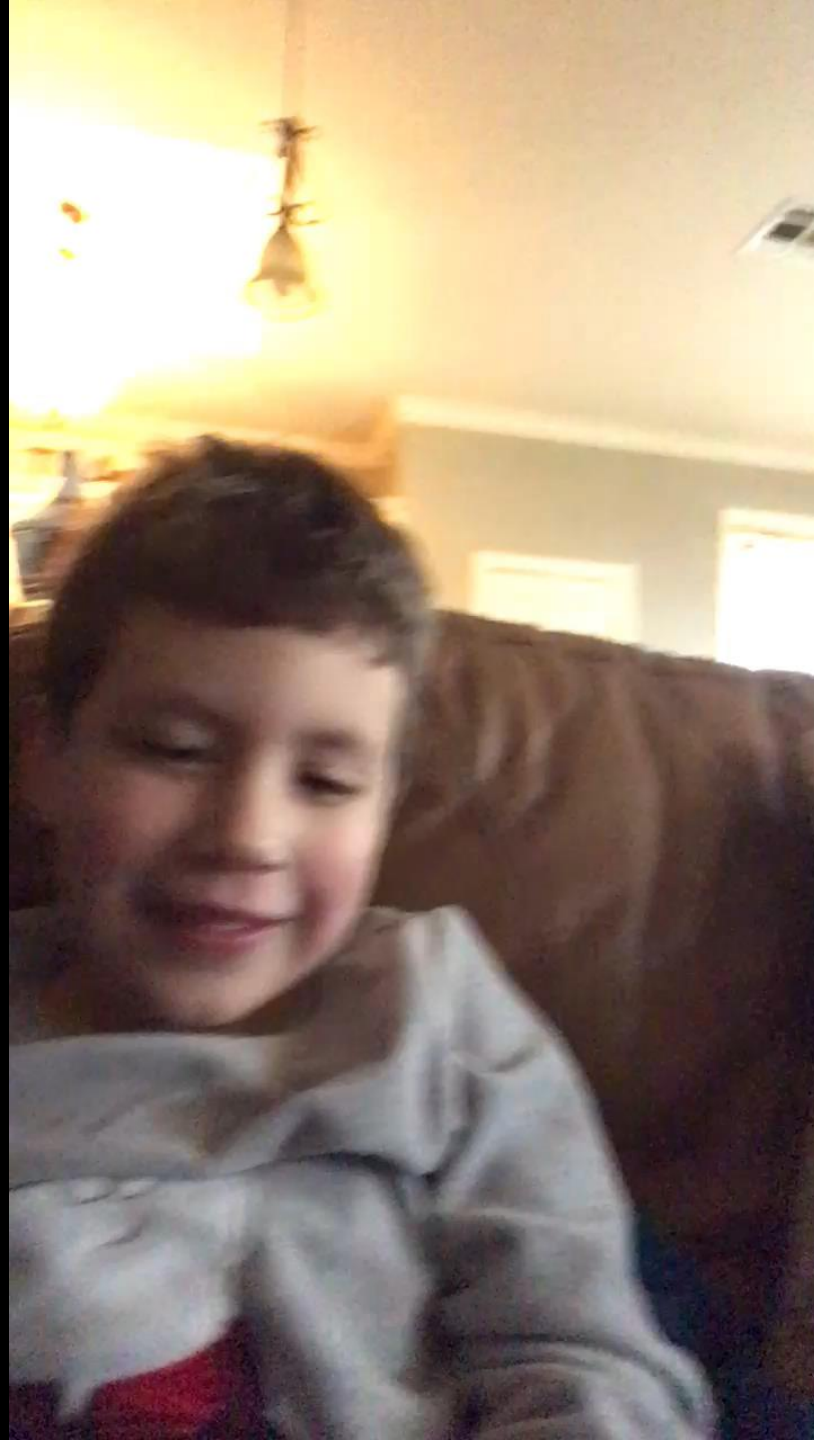




DISCONNECTED

Parents: Disconnected-Reconnected







COMMUNITY

SURRENDER

MISSION



“I think the greatest weakness in the church today is that almost no one believes that God invests His power in the Bible. Everyone is looking for power in a program, in a methodology, in a technique, in anything and everything but that in which God has placed it—His Word. He alone has the power to change lives for eternity, and that power is focused on the Scriptures.”

R.C. Sproul

PAUL DAVID TRIPP
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GOSPEL PRINCIPLES
That Can Radically Change Your Family

If you are going to be what God has designed you to be as a parent and do what he's called you to do, you must confess one essential thing. This confession has the power to change much about the way you act and react toward your children. It is vital that you believe and admit that you have no power whatsoever to change your child.

For here we do not
have an enduring city,
but we are looking for
the one to come
Hebrews 13:14

Disconnected
from Eternal
Reality

Disconnected from Contentment

If you allow yourself to believe that lasting fulfillment can be found in the comforts of the physical world, then your everyday life will be a hot pursuit of pleasure. You will seek control over people and circumstances to ensure that you get the things that you have set your heart upon. That misplaced desire very quickly morphs into envious frustration. When you chase something that doesn't exist and can't be attained – that is, contentment in the creation – you will get exasperated. The harder you work to fill your heart, the emptier it becomes. Paul Tripp



**NOT THAT I SPEAK
IN REGARD TO NEED,
FOR I HAVE LEARNED IN
WHATEVER STATE I AM,
TO BE CONTENT.**

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Philippians 4:11

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Disconnected from Biblical Priorities

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Disconnected from Biblical Priorities

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” III John 4

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

Psalms 127:3-5

Disconnected from True Worship

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2

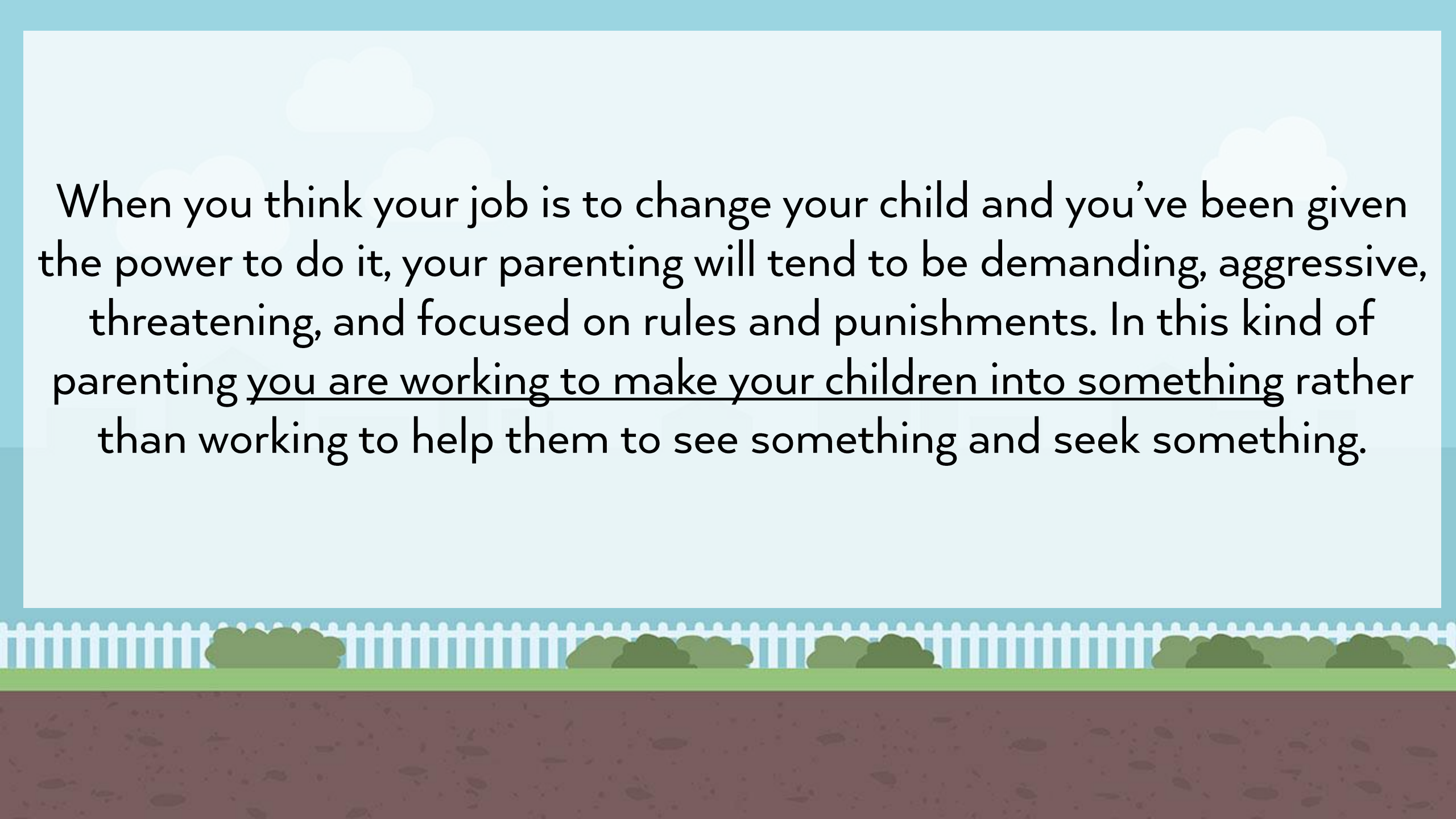








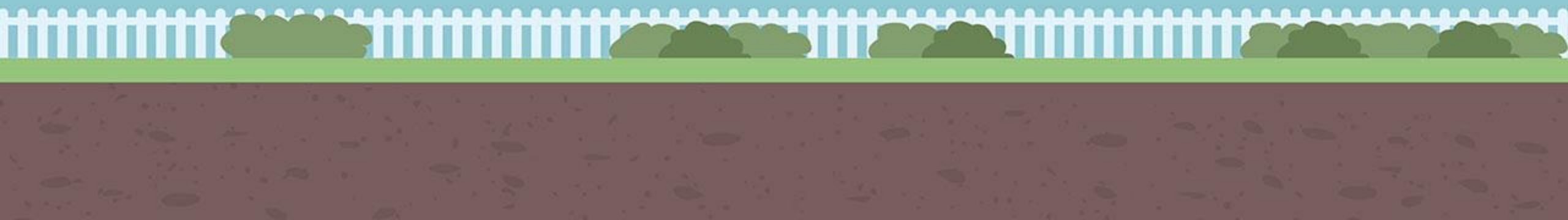
“We are good about having family time—watching a movie or playing card/board games. But serving together creates a unique bond as a family because we are working together for the same purpose or goal, helping others.” Cooper Chambliss



When you think your job is to change your child and you've been given the power to do it, your parenting will tend to be demanding, aggressive, threatening, and focused on rules and punishments. In this kind of parenting you are working to make your children into something rather than working to help them to see something and seek something.

In this form of parenting, it is all about you and your children, rather than you being an agent of what only God can do in your children. Your hope is that you will exercise the right power, at the right time, and in the right way so change in your children will result. That process is profoundly different than working to be a useful tool in the hands of a God of glorious transforming grace, who alone is your hope and the hope of your children.

Paul Tripp



A Connected Parent...

1. Does not give unfiltered/unmonitored smart phone/tablet access.
2. Prays daily for children.
3. Resists expectations from the world.
4. Gives grace, grace and more grace.
5. Does not make children their idols.
6. Is always learning from those who have gone before.

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So, your hope as a parent is not found in your power, your wisdom, your character, your experience, or your success, but in this one thing alone: the presence of your Lord. The Creator, Savior, Almighty, Sovereign King is with you. Let your heart rest. You are not in this parenting drama alone. Your potential is greater than the size of your weaknesses, because the One who is without weakness is with you, and he does his best work through those who admit that they are weak but in weakness still heed his call.