

OPENING ICE BREAKER

1. Your name (kid's names & ages too)
2. What motivated you to join this seminar?
3. Best parenting advice you received?



Gospel-Centered Parenting

CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT OF GRACE

2011
(ages 3, 6, 9)



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(ages 8, 11, 14)

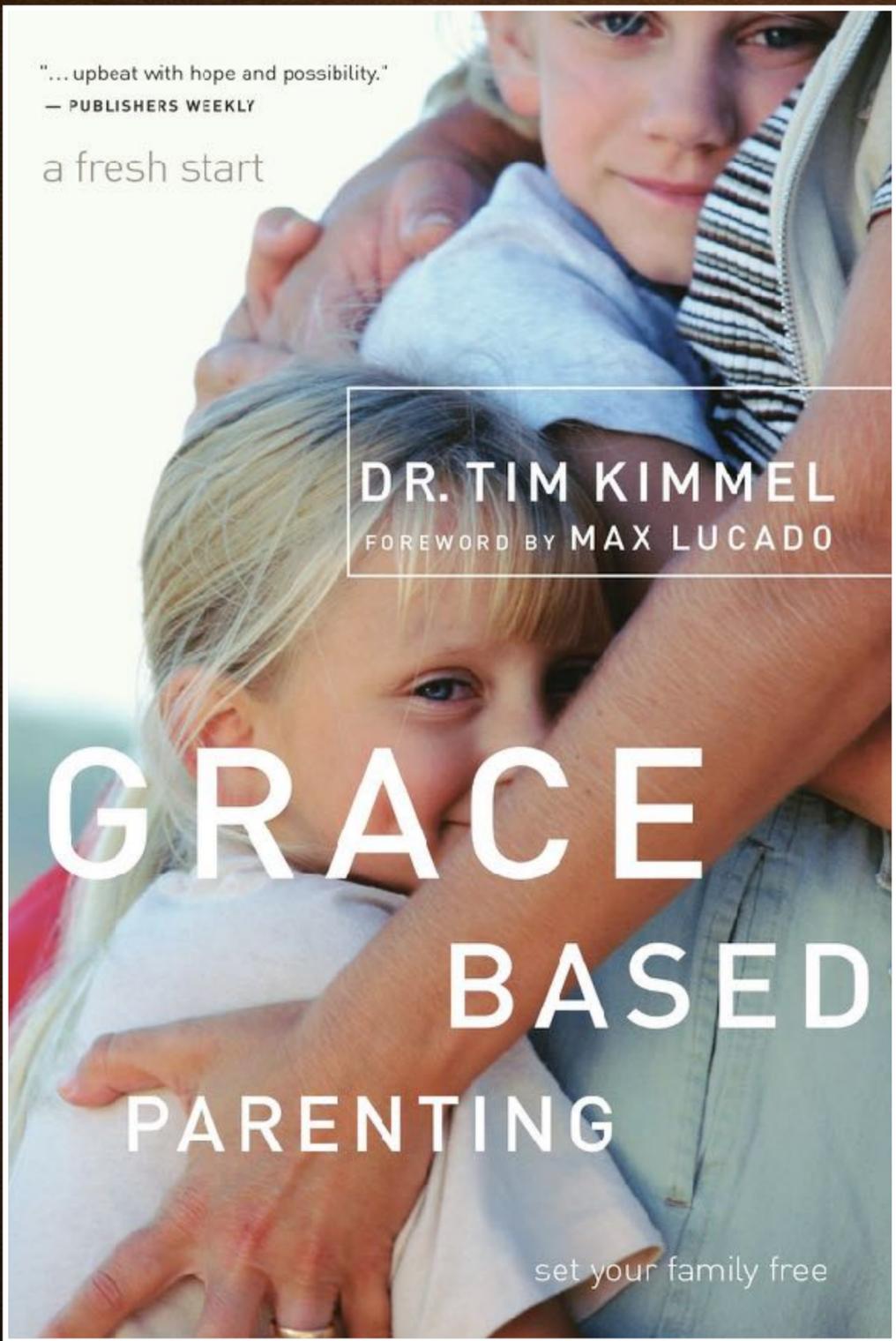


2021
(ages 13, 16, 19)



Seminar Schedule

1	Nov 28, 2021	Parenting by Grace 1
2	Dec 12, 2021	Parenting by Grace 2
3	Jan 2, 2022	Languages of Love
4	Jan 16, 2022	Emotional Health & Empathy
5	Jan 30, 2022	Coaching Your Child 1
6	Feb 13, 2022	Coaching Your Child 2
7	Feb 27, 2022	Coaching Your Child 3
8	Mar 13, 2022	Healthy Communicating (Children)
9	Mar 27, 2022	Parenting Youth 1
10	Apr 10, 2022	Parenting Youth 2
11	May 1, 2022	Parenting Youth 3
12	May 15, 2022	Healthy Communicating (Youth)



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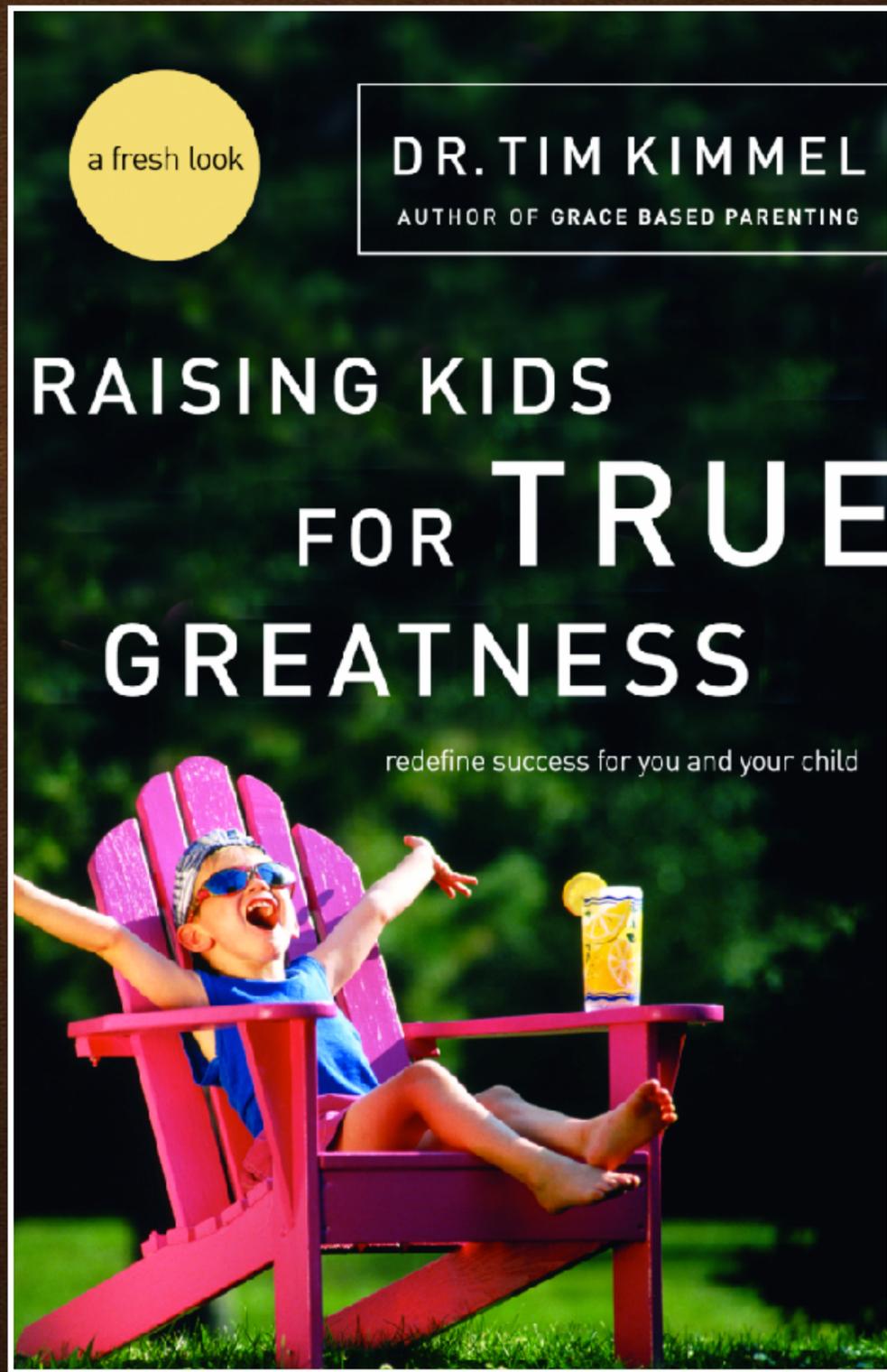
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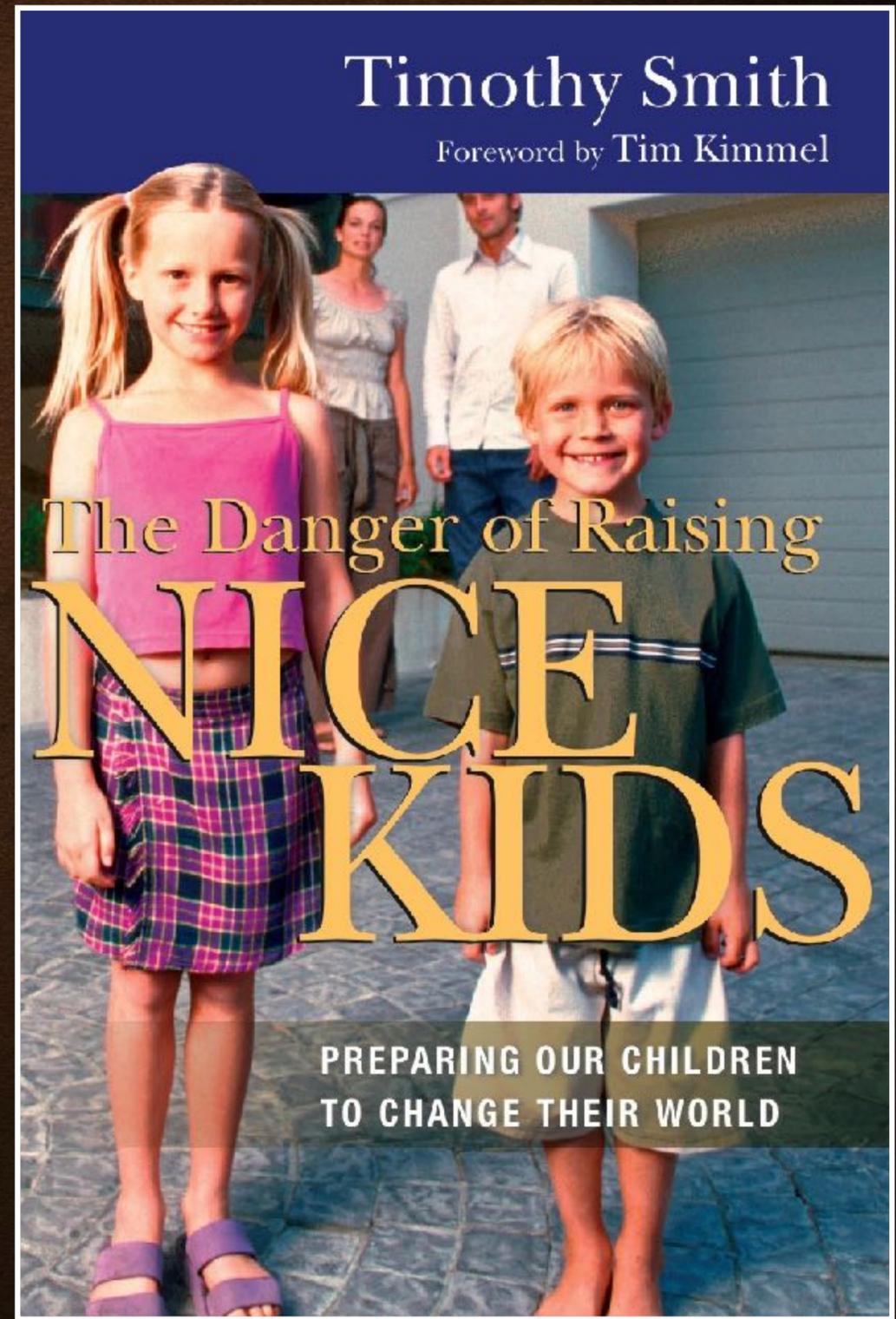


a fresh look

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RAISING KIDS FOR TRUE GREATNESS

redefine success for you and your child



Timothy Smith

Foreword by Tim Kimmel

The Danger of Raising NICE KIDS

PREPARING OUR CHILDREN
TO CHANGE THEIR WORLD



What are our ultimate goals
in parenting our children?

EPH
3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, **from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Our goal is that through gospel-centered parenting, our children may know the fullness of God's love for them and grow in the likeness of Christ, to the glory of God.



LUKE
9:23-25

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”

ROBERT
SHAW

Parents find themselves
enslaved by a materialistic,
overarching society that leads
them to spend so many hours
at work and so much money
that they can't make the time
to do the things necessary to
bond with their children.





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Our culture is obsessed with perfection: perfect babies, intelligent preschoolers, kindergartners who speak French, third-graders who know algebra, fifth-graders who make the all-star club team in soccer, eighth-graders who spend their Saturday's in SAT prep courses. . . . We pass on our competitive nature to our kids. We strive to give our children every advantage. We want our daughters to

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excel at science and math and show the boys they can. We want our sons to “reach their full potential” in all areas and still be in touch with their feminine side. We see ourselves as winners. In a way, it’s a redux of social Darwinism—only the strong survive. In order to be fit and survive, we need to have advantages over the weak.

Post-it Notes: What do you think about when you're all alone?

- You have no value or purpose in life
- All the work you do adds up to nothing
- You're pathetic
- You should work harder
- You need to leave a dent in the world but you're too lazy
- You're annoying everyone
- What did I do wrong today?
- Comparing my lifestyle to others I see online
- I wish I was more hardworking
- I wish I was more productive
- My grades and college
- My parents say that my faith and character is most important but they treat me like my grades and school is the most important thing in my life.

We're a generation who is investing more money and effort into our kids than any other generation, but also failing at some of the deepest levels in truly parenting our children.

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In essence, parenting is
discipleship. We are
disciplining our children
whether we want to or not.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are there any ways that your love for your children has crossed over into idolatry of your family?
2. What are some values that your children have “caught” from you?



Much of parenting in
Christian homes is
based on a fear.

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I think many parents in our culture are driven by fear. Fear that something bad will happen to their kids. Fear that they will not give their kids the right blend of enrichment experiences. Fear that they will raise kids with weak self-esteem.

Fear of the
World

The biggest problem with this approach to parenting is the failure to realize that the biggest problem is not the “world out there,” but the sin right inside your child’s own heart.

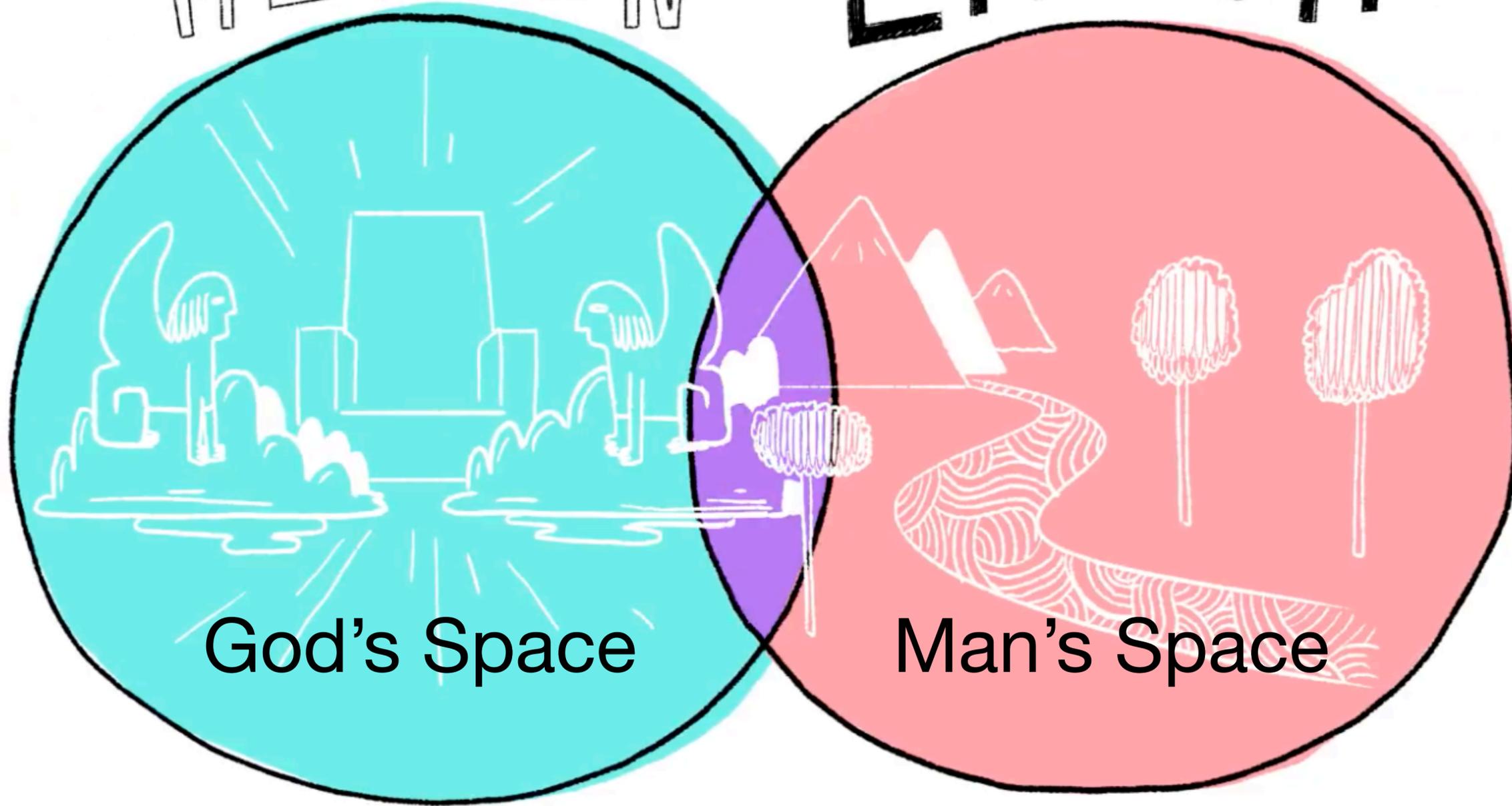
The other problem with this approach to parenting is the failure to raise children who are equipped to win the world for Christ.

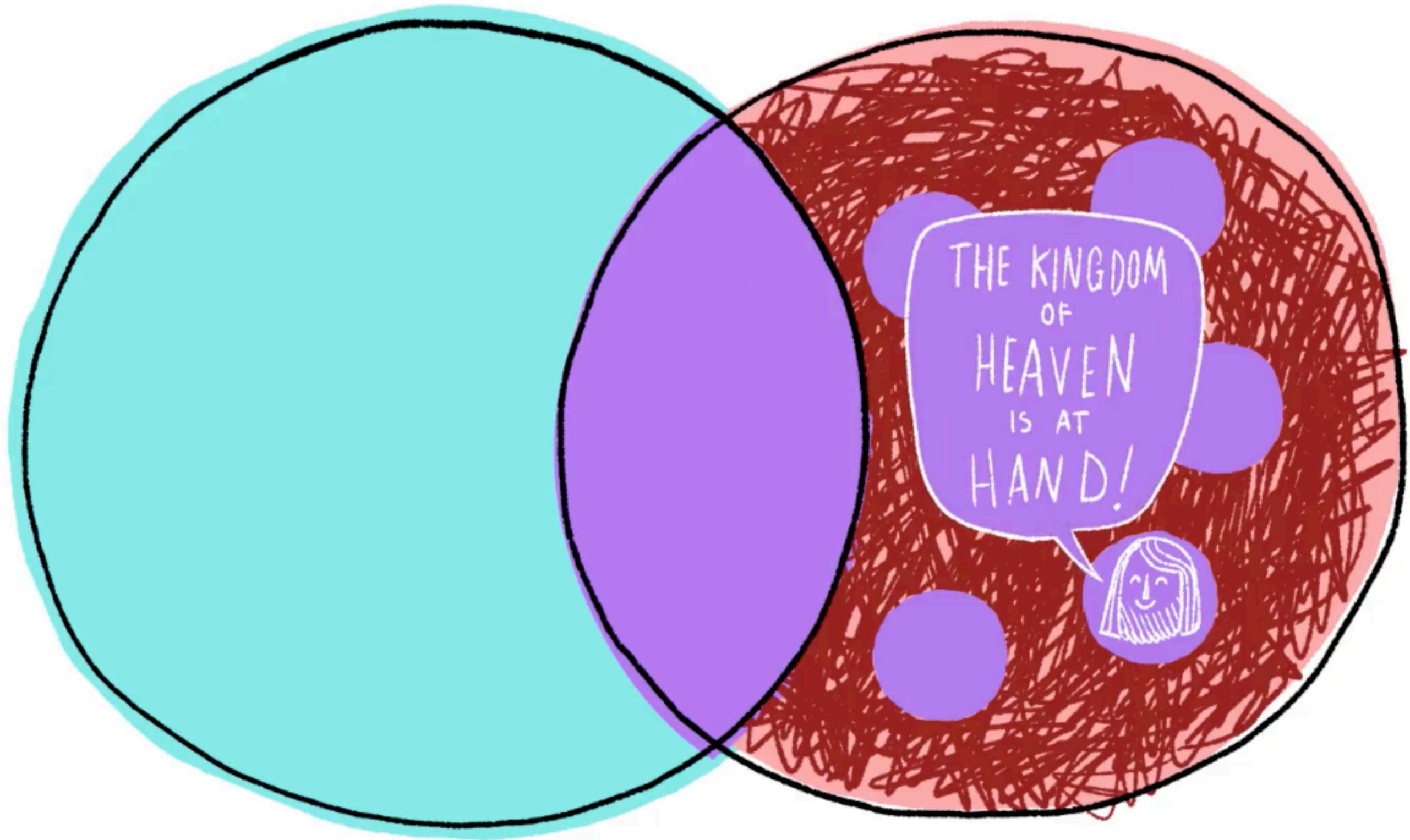
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Fear-based parenting is the surest way to create intimidated kids. It's also the surest way to raise Christian kids who either don't have any passion for lost people, are indifferent to the things of God, or out-and-out rebel against their parents, their church, and the Lord.

HEAVEN

EARTH





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Earth

Fear of the
Embarrassment

The problem with this approach to parenting is that it sends the message to our children that being good is about displaying good behaviors, and that how you are viewed by others is more important than how God views you.

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There is a vast difference between parents who keep their children *under* control and parents who control *them*. High-control parenting happens when we leverage the strength of our personality or our position against our children's weaknesses to get them to meet our selfish agenda. This form of parenting is fueled by a combination of toxic fear, toxic anger, toxic bondage,

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toxic shame, and toxic strength. What's sad is how prevalent this form of parenting is in Christian homes. ... High-control parents are blind to how they are treating their children because high-controllers can always morally justify every move they make. Because they are so convinced that their controlling tendency is right, they can't see how destructive its effect is on their children.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the ways in which you've allowed your fears to drive your parenting? How has this affected your children?
2. What are some ways in which you may be exhibiting an unhealthy level of control over your children?

COL
2:6-10,
20-23;
3:1-3

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given

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fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. ... Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship,

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their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

At the heart of parenting in grace is to treat our children in the same way that God, our heavenly Father, treats us—forgiving, accepting, and loving us unconditionally.

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The difference with grace-based families is that they don't bother spending much time putting fences up because they know full well that sin is already present and accounted for inside their family. To these types of parents, sin is not an *action* or an *object* that penetrates their defenses; it is a preexisting condition that permeates their being. The graceless home requires kids to be good

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and gets angry and punishes them when they are bad. The grace-based home assumes kids will struggle with sin and helps them learn how to tap into God's power to help them get stronger. ...

When their children do sin, grace-based parents don't get surprised. They expect it. They assume that sin is an ongoing dilemma that their children must constantly contend with.

Parenting in grace is also to ultimately put our trust in God's care over our children, not on any techniques for parenting.

PSALM
68:5-6

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing.

If you have ever wondered how you would (and should) parent your kids if you were given a second chance then just watch how your parents dote on your kids, love spending time with them and refuse to sweat the small stuff. Hopefully we can all learn something from how they're doing it their second time around and apply it to our first time around.