

*Don't
Miss
It*



MAY 20 & 21

DON'T MISS
your role

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Introduction

We are in week two of our series *Don't Miss It*, an uncompromising series on parenting where Pastor John unapologetically speaks to parents about raising kids. This week discusses the need to develop a three-step parenting strategy and the first step – know your role. You are the primary discipler for your kids.

Discussion

1. **Read Acts 1:8.** Our first ring of responsibility as a follower of Jesus is our own Jerusalem – our kids and family. How have you been a witness to your own “Jerusalem”? Is there someone in your family who really needs you to pour into them right now, to be his/her witness of God’s power? What steps do you need to take with him/her to be a better witness?
2. **Read 2 Timothy 1:5.** You cannot underestimate your spiritual influence. Is there an older member of your family whose faith was a witness to you growing up? Share about the impact this person had on your faith life. What ways [activities, conversations, etc.] have you used your faith to build those spiritual memories when you are gone?
3. **Read Psalm 78:1-8.** This psalm, known as a “maskil,” teaches us or gives us insight into practical living through God’s great deeds, despite the nation of Israel’s faithlessness. Share a time when God was faithful to you and your family, despite your lack of faithfulness to God. When was the last time you shared this story with your family?

Think About It

We need to do three basic things to be the primary discipler for our children:

1. Teach them by using our mouths to speak and our ears to listen
2. Remind them of God’s love and faithfulness in our lives
3. Show them the power of God in our lives

At the same time, we need to be authentic with our children as we grow in our walk with God. We need to reach our little Iowa—our family and children—before we can reach our Big Iowa for Christ.

Do Something

1. Take some time this week to learn how to disciple your children. No matter their age, you are still their primary discipler! If you need help on how to start this process, seek out someone in your group or a trusted friend to give you guidance and counsel.
2. Take one day this week and journal about some of the ways God has been faithful to you and your family through the years, maybe even through the generations!
3. Find some time in the next week or so to gather some family members—face-to-face if possible—and share some stories you wrote about in your journal. \What miracles or triumphs have you experienced? What has God done in your family to show His love for you?