

## 6/18/17 Handout – Helping Our Children, Part 2 - Books of Proverbs-Isaiah

*‘You were wearied by all your ways, but you would not say, ‘It is hopeless.’ You found renewal of your strength, and so you did not faint’ (Isaiah 57:10. Read Isaiah 40-43 to find that renewal)*

### **1. Review from last week – helping our children in how we interact (Borgman, p. 83-84, 91)**

Proverbs 15:1 *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (NIV unless noted)*

Proverbs 12:25 *An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.*

A Proverbs 31 mother *‘extends a helping hand ... and opens her arms to the needy. She has no fear ... she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household...her husband praises her...’ (v. 20-28 NLT)*

Isaiah 66:12-14: *‘carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you [God says]...You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish’ (NRSV)*

Isaiah 35: *‘Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God...” ...sorrow and sighing will flee away... (v. 3-4, 11 ESV)*

### **2. A wise parent seeks to look past the behavior (or personal offense) to address the heart**

Proverbs 19:11 *A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.*

Proverbs 4:23 *Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. (NKJV)*

Proverbs 20:5 *The purposes of a...heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out*

Questions to help draw out: 1. What was going on? (for other questions, see Borgman, p. 75-80)

2. What were you thinking and feeling in your heart as it was happening?

3. Why did you do it; what were you seeking to accomplish? (heart motive)

4. What was the result? (source: Paul Tripp, [Helping Your Adopted Child](#))

### **3. We must learn how to do good, especially how to help those oppressed or orphaned**

Isaiah 1:17: *‘Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans’ (NLT)*

Proverbs 1:5 *‘let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance’ (see 15:22)*

### **4. We can learn much from God’s example parenting His difficult and disorderly children**

Isaiah 1:2-6: *‘This is what the LORD says: “The children I raised and cared for have rebelled against me...My people don’t recognize my care for them...Your head is injured, and your heart is sick...”’ (NLT)*

Isaiah 63: *‘He said, “Surely they are my...sons...” In all their distress he too was distressed. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.’ (v. 8-9)*

God recognized when lying was rooted in fear, and sought to bring healing and comfort to fearful sons:

Isa 57: *‘Are you not children of transgression, the offspring of deceit...Whom did you dread and fear, so that you lied...I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort’ (v. 4, 11, 18)*

God spoke to a traumatic time when kids would be taken from birthparents (Isa 39:7). Isa 40: *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly...I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed...I will uphold you with my...right hand ...Do not be afraid...for I myself will help you...by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake...Fear not...you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... do not be afraid, for I am with you...my sons and daughters (40:1; 41:9-10, 14; 42:16; 43:1-6)*

## Rooted Video #4 – Supplement and Scriptures from Proverbs-to-Isaiah

### A. 4 Lies our Children Believe as a Result of Their Experiences (Rooted study guide, p. 45)

#### 1. **Neglect** says “You are worthless...”

But God says “*you are precious and honored in my sight...and I love you*” (Isaiah 43:4)

But God says “*Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...*” (Isaiah 49:15-16)

#### 2. **Abuse** says “...you deserve to be hurt...”

But God says vulnerable people deserve to be protected (Isaiah 1:17, 10:2, etc.)

God can help those hurt and confused from past shameful events: ‘*be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth...*’ (Isaiah 54:4)

#### 3. **Abandonment** says “...there is no one you can trust, not even God” (I trust only myself)

God says ‘*He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is safe... The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe...*’ (Prov 28:26, 29:25)

#### 4. **Control and domination** says “You are helpless and you are weak.”

But if we trust in our Mighty God, He gives His strength to the weak (Isaiah 40:29-31)

### B. 5 Key Areas of Training (Rooted study guide, p. 46)

#### 1. **Spiritual Training** – God and His Word, gospel, etc. (Isaiah 40, 53, etc.)

#### 2. **Authority** – for their protection (Proverbs 2:1-11)

#### 3. **Self-management** (Proverbs 25:28) – including asking for help (12:15, 18:1, 20:18)

#### 4. **Problem-solving** – help develop judgment in situation that come up (Proverbs 1-9)

#### 5. **Relating socially** – helping others, teamwork (Ecclesiastes 3:9-12), loyalty (Prov 21:21), parents reflecting God’s fatherhood to build trust, security, competence (see prior page)