

# Session Two

Getting to the heart of communication

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# COMMUNICATION

Communication is dictated by your parenting paradigm

- Harsh, scolding words track with parenting focus on control
  - Restraint, pleasant words and understanding track focus on nurture
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Not a matter of techniques

- Biblical communication  
spiritual
- Reflects a life of faith
- Reflects confidence in God
- Fear of the Lord brings wisdom  
Proverbs 9:10    Proverbs 15:33

# Means of Communication: Restraint

Proverbs 17:27

Quiet Speech: Ecclesiastes 9:17

Avoid too many words:

Ecclesiastes 6:11, Proverbs 10:19

Think first, Speak second:

Proverbs 15:28    Proverbs 29:20

Manner of Communication:  
Pleasant words

Pleasant words promote instruction  
Proverbs 16:21

Pleasant words are a honeycomb  
Proverbs 16: 23, 24

Wise tongue commends knowledge  
Proverbs 15:2

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Goal of Communication:  
Understanding

The finest art of communication: not the ability to express your thoughts, but the ability to understand your kids

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Proverbs 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.

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

# CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL

You cannot save your children

If you try to you will destroy  
yourself and them

Hope for me and for my child is  
found at the foot of the cross

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## 2 Peter 1:3-4

All the grace to do all that God calls you to as a parent has been given to you by Jesus Christ

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