

# Session Five

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## Introduction

The most common reason for broken relationships

## Disarming Rebellion

Disarming starts with parents

Think clearly about God's instruction and discipline

You are a tangible representative of the unseen God for your children

# Spiritual preparation for reconciliation

A settled conviction

Don't take rebellion personally

Give up previous defenses

Humility is the heart of  
reconciliation

# Pray

For forgiveness

For the same humility as Christ

For your spouse

For your child

For the heart of a peacemaker

For a will to listen

That you will not give way to fear

That you will love as you have been  
loved

# Practical preparation for reconciliation

Schedule time for conversation

Choose a relaxed setting

Don't surprise your teen

Discuss with your spouse

One conversation will not disarm

# It's time to talk

New way of talking

Acknowledge sin and failure

Ask forgiveness

Give opportunity to respond

Give time to digest all you have said

Set parameters for his responses

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Know when to stop

Leave your child with a biblical picture of shepherding

Tell your child what you expect of him

Tell your child what he may expect from you

Close conversation with encouraging words

Pray for your child

Don't be discouraged

Genuine relationship is more than discipline

Set a time for the next conversation

What if my efforts fail?

Matthew 11:28-30

2 Peter 1:3,4