

Milestone 2 “The Blessing of Authority”

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Coming
Under
Authority
Ages 2-5yrs



Before we even get started...what's a 'Milestone'??

Important Concept 1: It's a BLESSING for kids to be under authority

Milestone 2 name: "A unique window for training our children to come under the blessing of authority"

- Proverbs verses
- Gospel Prep
- And so much more: prep for life and maturity, opens the door for delight, lets children have a more accurate view of God and His leadership (radiance parenting)
- What will be some hindrances to authority feeling like a BLESSING?

Important Concept 2: Kids CAN obey...but it takes some intentionality, thought, and training on the parent's part

Practical tips

Important Concept 3: Parents can make wrong conclusions about our children if we don't correctly interpret their behavior

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Important Concept 4: The Lord is gracious and compassionate. He is slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord sees you. He sees all that you do, He sees the ‘five loaves and two fish’ that you have in your hands as you care for the children in your life. In reality, it’s not much that you have to offer. If you’re honest, you probably feel that all the time. But Jesus *loves* what you have to offer! He ordained YOU to be in their lives. He *doesn’t want* someone else to be in their lives. He wants **YOU**. He actually **thanks** the Father for **who YOU are**...and He is doing His good, strong, saving, sanctifying work in you, and in those children.

Spend a few moments letting these restful verses soak over you. (‘Soak over you’ means...don’t just quickly read over these verses. Read them slowly. Take deep breaths as you read. Stop and re-read any parts that stand out to you. Close your eyes and pause at any parts that feel meaningful to you. Let God’s Word minister to you as you take a few minutes to slow down.)

The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me],

I shall not want.

He lets me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still *and* quiet waters.

He refreshes *and* restores my soul (life);

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

for His name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort *and* console me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You have anointed *and* refreshed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy *and* unending love shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house *and* in the presence of the Lord. Psalm 23

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

And you who have no money come, buy grain and eat.

Come, buy wine and milk

Without money and without cost [simply accept it as a gift from God].

“Why do you spend money for that which is not bread,

And your earnings for what does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,

And let your soul delight in abundance.

“Incline your ear [to listen] and come to Me;

Hear, so that your soul may live;

And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

According to the faithful mercies [promised and] shown to David. Isaiah 55:1-4

“So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4

“With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.” 2 Corinthians 5:58

Let yourself leave this quiet moment remembering GOD. This is what your Helper is like: He made a way through the Red Sea. He enabled a shepherd boy to take down a giant with a stone. He shut the mouths of lions. He called a king who committed adultery and murder ‘a man after His own heart.’ He raised someone who was dead for days, back to life. He fed 5,000 people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. He healed the blind man, and cleansed the lepers...with His Word, with His touch, with His love, with His power, with His eyes, things and people are changed. Forever altered in His presence. That same grace and power is available to *you*, right in the middle of your parenting journey...no matter how discouraging or impossible it feels in the moment. He loves you deeply, delightedly, right where you are, right now...and at the very same time He’s committed to making you into something completely new. He is *with* you.

Resources for 0-5 year olds: Coming Under Authority

Parenting For Beginners I by Greg Hill/Sharon Howard

Parenting For Beginners II by Greg Hill/Sharon Howard

Can be requested at LFAC office or email choward@lfachurch.org

Shepherding A Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Especially chapters 4, 11, and 14 (on coming under authority, discipline and training objectives)

Case For Kids by Paul David Tripp & Tedd Tripp

DVD sermon series on the 'why' behind children coming under authority, a philosophy on discipline, as well as 'how-to's': **GREAT PHILOSOPHY ON WHY PARENTS LEADING AND CHILDREN FOLLOWING IS SO ESSENTIAL!!!**

Babywise Series (should be 'taken with a grain of salt'; these can tend to be a little rigid)

On Becoming Babywise - chapter 1 has an argument for being your child's authority

On Becoming Babywise II - lots of practical suggestions for young toddlers

On Becoming Pre-Toddlerwise - chapters 8-11 provide ideas for how to set boundaries for your pre-toddler

On Becoming Toddlerwise - chapter 6 has ideas on correction for a toddler

The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting: Raising Children with Courage, Compassion, and Connection by Brene Brown

Audiobook helping parents start to grapple with issues like shame, perfectionism and hiding in their own lives, as well as start to create a more healthy culture for their children.

Radiance Parenting by Caleb Howard

Perspective for and philosophy of parenting, as well as practical suggestions

Can be requested through email choward@lfachuch.org or talking to Caleb Howard, Family Ministries Coordinator

SoMuchHope.com/parenting/ by Caleb & Sarah Howard

blog about parenting; some helpful posts include:

- <http://www.somuchhope.com/rest-girl-hope/my-pictures-look-magical-but-im-in-the-trenches> : My Pictures Look Magical But I'm In The Trenches: The "I Can Do This/I Can't Do This" Dynamic
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/grabs-my-toy> : Teaching your child a script for what to do if someone takes their toy
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/more-important-than-task> : Realizing the importance of what you're doing as a parent
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/needs-meeter-vs-god-introducer> : Re-defining the role of a parent as not just a 'needs-meeter' but a 'God-introducer'
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/potty-training> : Potty training the intensive way
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/2015/5/13/what-you-say-about-your-child> : Labeling children
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/marriage-survival-tips-for-the-first-months-of-parenting> : Marriage Survival Tips for the First Months of Parenting
- <http://www.somuchhope.com/parenting/child-toddler-come-when-called> : How To Teach Your Child To Come When Called