

## Passage To Adulthood

Three hopeful outcomes for you to confidently say...

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...will have hope and be energized for creative parenting by realizing that I am Divinely appointed (2 Peter 1) and qualified by the grace of God to walk \_\_\_\_\_ through this time in his/her life.

...will know that there are people and resources available to me

...will leave motivated to walk with God first (model) and to lean not on my own understanding as I influence \_\_\_\_\_'s adulthood

### I. **Introductions**

A. Why Milestones are important to us as parents...

1. What is it about God's image that I see in (child)\_\_\_\_\_ ?

2. This is a defining time for me to affirm (c)\_\_\_\_\_ while moving into adulthood, and what happens when we do this defining and then (c)\_\_\_\_\_ shows immaturity or maturity or a mix of both?

3. Define "adult" in your home.

Define Redemption? FYI-we grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than doing it right.

a. What does Satan say about redemption?

b. What does Jesus say about it?

c. What do I say about it? How about (c)\_\_\_\_\_?

4. How do we make Gods authority a treasure to pursue?
- a. sometimes the best example is to have the courage to invite someone else for (c)\_\_\_\_\_to mark. Someone you trust.
  - b. Sometimes we go kicking and screaming on this pursuit as in letting go of identity built by parenting to let God
5. Encountering new levels of (c)\_\_\_\_\_ 's identity and independence while coaching from the side line

a. Dating

b. "Hanging Out"

c. Discernment

1. friends (influential people)

d. Church

e. Make discussions mandatory and safe! Get to know Mathew 18 as a family

f. Do I have a foundational trust to fall or to fail and not fall apart? Does (c) \_\_\_\_\_?

(From "Because He Lives")

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives,  
But greater still the calm assurance:

This child can face uncertain day because HE lives.

Because HE lives

I can face tomorrow

Because HE lives

All fear is gone

Because I know HE holds the future

And life is worth the living

Just because HE lives

g. I am practicing coming under Gods influence when no one is looking because if I do it and \_\_\_\_\_ does it, we will have something in common if nothing else.

## II. Falling Upward (Rohr)

]A. Crossover points to affirm (c) \_\_\_\_\_ while moving into adulthood?

1. First half of life is discovering the script which is important as it is where most people establish their personal identity, creating various boundary markers, seeking security and perhaps linking to what seem like significant people or projects (parenting).

P.E.D- Prepare, Event, Debrief? This is the stage that I will let \_\_\_\_\_ do the event and I will debrief when and if necessary.

2. This second half of life is actually more about encountering or owning it. This is where \_\_\_\_\_ and myself will find the contents to fill our container since it is the path that each of us has to go on freely, with all the messy and raw material of our own unique lives "necessary suffering" for something more, or what Richard Rohr calls "homesickness". Desmond Tutu said "We are only the light bulbs, and our job is to remain screwed in!"

3. Process:

a. Identify patterns and closing the gap between an act and seeking to KNOW God.

## III. What is this Milestone About?

I believe that this Milestone is for me to understand that "thy will be done" and for us not to fall apart while \_\_\_\_\_'s world is falling into place. For me to practice staying strongly influenced by Christ and not be pressured to become what I feel in the moment.

A. Moving toward an age appropriate relationship with (c) \_\_\_\_\_

1. A sort of 'unlearning' from looking to me for guidance or for my natural desire for implementing immediate next steps, but to trust God like I may have preached all these years since more is caught than taught.

2. Closing the space between our dream and Gods image. We are already his dream(g/b) \_\_\_\_\_ no need to dream different than Him. Identity!  
Identity!

B. Commitment to give back is a courageous and free act.

1. Humbly and proudly return the product that we have been given--which is ourselves! Colossians 2:6-7 . It's more of 2nd half of life. Residency!

2. Allow our children to wrestle with God to obtain relational closeness

#### **IV. Applying the Four Foundations at this age**

A. Model

1. flexibility; teaching moments; impromptu God sightings

2. Prayer together

3. Family Missions

4. Faith talks

a. How does Gods word apply to following Jesus in a specific situation of life.

B. Involving my adult-ish (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in the process of establishing covenant or expectations through worldly vs. kingdom views

1. Asking for a verse to cling to in a tough situation, especially during my more active parenting times. I will let \_\_\_\_\_wrestling with discernment.

2. Apply these 3 questions to everything (good times and struggles) It's sort of a purification of intentions:

a. What does Satan say about this? \*Why the want?

b. What does God say? \*Is this a benefit?

c. What will you do?

## Setting the culture to identify legal age and maturity level.

### 14-16 years old:

Understand Gods design for (c)\_\_\_\_\_.

Practice teaching and letting (c) \_\_\_\_\_ have "freedom" to make certain choices and opening the discussion of what it means to be a legal adult and a mature one.

### 16-18 years old:

Understand Gods design for (c)\_\_\_\_\_.

Model that you'll be helpful but allowing (c)\_\_\_\_\_ to fail forward and for us not to fall apart when they do.

### 18-20 years old:

Understand Gods design for (c)\_\_\_\_\_.

Reminding(c) \_\_\_\_\_ that now the law will keep(h/her) \_\_\_\_ within the boundaries of good choices in society.

The law does not nurture. It is simply going to identify the failed attempt without love nor faith. Remember, that's (c)\_\_\_\_\_ to own.

## Is a coming of age ceremony necessary?

Do I understand Gods design for (c)\_\_\_\_\_.

Including (c)\_\_\_\_\_ in the process of maturity by having the conversation of preparation for the freedom "EVENT" will help (c)\_\_\_\_\_ determine maturity and how the ceremony will feed (h/her) \_\_\_\_ love language. In order to really understand Gods design for (c)\_\_\_\_\_, learning to parent in (h/Her) \_\_\_\_ love language or SDI can be helpful! These trainings are available at LFA and are super valuable.

God is inclusive right? We are ALL created in HIS image right? God doesn't do favorites right? So think about this, \_\_\_\_\_ is made in His image and so am I, what's the difference between us? Our role, our

talents/skill? Love languages will be helpful us identify our roles, talents or skills.

Trust Gods intentions!

Listen intently!

Celebrate what you hear even if it's hard or embarrassing because the point is that you are listening and hearing.

Frustration most times is preceded by confusion/miscommunication.

Take time to NOT talk to God but instead listen.

It might happen right now or at another time but sincerely sit and listen day after day.

He knows what you want and need and he will hear you, but as his offspring he parents us well.

We are to be all that he wants us to be because it's good for us. Even if we don't wanna.....

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## Resources:

### Songs:

#### United Pursuit

- Hidden

- Simple Gospel

- Head To Heart

#### Bethel Music

- Closer

- Pieces

- Highest Praise

- Steady Heart

#### Natalie Grant

- King Of The World

#### Housefires

- This Love

- Come To The River

- Wick

-Good Good Father

Hillsong

-This I Believe (The Creed)

-Touch The Sky

-Forever Reign

-Oceans

-Even When It Hurts (Praise Song) Live

-Spirit Move

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