

LIVE OAK CHURCH

Contend For The Faith In Your Home

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Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4

"The Shema"

I. Your family/home is your first mission field (7 areas)

- A. Your spouse & your children are your blessing
- B. It is where we coach our children to know
 - 1. Life
 - 2. God
 - 3. Love
- C. Where we are a support & a blessing to our spouse
- D. It is where there is an atmosphere of grace, truth, faith, hope, & love
- E. It is where God is honored, Messiah is believed, & Spirit is welcomed
 - 1. Remember your child has a sin nature
 - 2. They have no theological understanding
- F. It's a place where we can be real, relaxed, & relatable

- 1. Where we feel safe
- 2. Where we feel secure
- 3. Where we feel stable
- G. Create a faith that is a way of life

II. What has happened to our students/youth in the 21st century?

- A. Students are confused
- B. Students are hurting
- C. Students are fearful
- D. Students are cutting
- E. Students are suicidal

III. Common mistakes most parents make

- A. We model too weakly
 - 1. More is caught than taught
 - 2. Children don't become what you say, they become what they see
 - 3. Bible warns of those who honor God with their lips, but their heart is far from Him
- B. We coach too poorly
 - 1. Not involved
 - 2. Don't rehearse
 - 3. Don't focus on strengths
- C. We rescue too quickly
 - 1. Consequences are amazing teachers
 - 2. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

- D. We “bubble wrap” our children
 - 1. Kids need to learn, explore, interact, & solve problems
 - 2. Build things, create, sports, & rules
 - 3. Work, push a mower, & baby sit
 - 4. If not, we “rob them” of confidence, team building, & problem solving
- E. We love too minimally
 - 1. Get into the world of your spouse & children

IV. What is needed in every home?

- A. Faith
- B. Connection
- C. Confidence
- D. Hope
- E. Love
- F. Laughter
- G. Tradition

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Beginning In Your Family**