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**GRANDPARENTING WITH GRACE:**

**DEVELOPING GOD-HONORING RELATIONSHIPS**

**WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN’S PARENTS**

**Session 3**

INTRODUCTION:

I. HONORING BIBLICAL BOUNDARIES

 A. Some grandparents go too far, not respecting family boundaries

 B. But, many grandparents in our culture don’t go far enough!

II. RESPECTING OUR KIDS AS GOD’S APPOINTED PRIMARY SPIRITUAL MENTORS OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN

A. Let’s remember that itis the parents, not the grandparents who ideally are to be the “primary disciplers” of their children.

B. But, the fact that the parents are the *primary* disciplers of the children doesn’t mean that grandparents are relegated to the sidelines.

III. EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE ROLE AS GRANDPARENTS

 A. Ideally, our kids will *want* our loving, supportive involvement in their kids’ spiritual development.

 B. But, what if our kids *don’t* want our involvement in the spiritual development of their kids?

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IV. APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO PAST FAILURES WITH OUR OWN KIDS

A. Talk to the Lord:

B. Talk to your kids:

C. Note: some folks see the lack of spiritual interest in their adult kids and assume “it must be my fault.” Not necessarily.

V. APPLYING THE GOSPEL IN BUILDING GROWING RELATIONSHIPS

A. Build relationally involved with your adult “kids” in a spiritually positive way.

B. Be *intentional* in your times together:

VI. TEACHING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN TO LOVE AND RESPECT THEIR PARENTS

 A. Remember God’s directives to children in regard to their parents:

 B. How can we grandparents be in sync with God in this realm?

VII. SUPPORTING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN’S PARENTS THROUGH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

 A. Look for opportunities to “speak life” into your kids and kids-in-law.

 B. Be generous with appropriate words of encouragement to your kids and kids-in- law: “That’s great! I can see that God has been helping you . . .”

FURTHER READING:

*Doing Life with your Adult Children* by Jim Burns

*Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children* by Allison Bottke

*Courageous Grandparenting* by Cavin Harper, chapters 7 and 8

*How to Really Love Your Adult Child* by Gary Chapman (Larry has not yet read)

FOR NEXT SESSION:

Read Chapter 4, “Intentional Grandparenting”

Go through Discussion Questions and Action Steps on pages 33-34