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**GRANDPARENTING WITH GRACE:**

**INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING**

**Session 4**

INTRODUCTION:

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENT?

 A. What does God want us to be aiming at *ultimately* as grandparents? Consider the following passages:

* Deuteronomy 4:9
* Psalm 71:18
* Psalm 78:4-7
* Psalm 145:4

 B. The Goal: The Lord is calling on us grandparents to be diligent—to be intentional—in showing our grandchildren the greatness and grace of our glorious Lord (See Psalm 78:4) so that they “should set their hope in God” (Psalm 78:7).

 C. The process: Not a one-time event.

II. INTENTIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN OUR GRANDCHILDREN’S WORLDS

III. INTENTIONALLY INVITING OUR GRANDCHILDREN INTO OUR WORLD

 A. The power of “with”:

 B. Like Jesus, we can invite our grandchildren to do life *with* us so that they can learn more about life and eternity.

IV. INTENTIONALLY PURSUING ADVENTURES WITH OUR GRANDCHILDREN

 A. Why would we grandparents encourage our grandchildren to pursue a life of ease and comfort?

 B. How do we encourage our grandchildren to “risk for the cause of Christ”?

 1. We can pray

 2. We can model

 3. We can inspire

 4. We can engage

V. INTENTIONALLY ENGAGE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

VI. INTENTIONALLY AFFIRMING OUR GRANDCHILDREN

 A. Expressing our love for them directly: Nothing beats just coming out and saying the words, “I love you, buddy” or “I love you, sweetheart.” (Is that hard for you?)

 B. Demonstrating appropriate affection (hugs and kisses).

 C. Intentional words of affirmation, praise, blessing.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

 Read up through page 61. Next week we’ll explore “The Power of a Praying Grandparent”