

A FAMILY RESOURCE

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ENVIRONMENT

## course correction

*When I get off track, God offers me a path of healing.*

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# How to Use this Resource

## It's as easy as 1 ... 2 ... 3 ...

**1** Start by deciding on a day and time that works well for your entire family. It can be an evening, afternoon, or morning. Just commit to building this time into your family's natural rhythm. It's usually best to build this time around a family meal!

**2** Look through the HomeFront Monthly and see what stands out. Choose one or two experiences you would like to incorporate into your family times this week. Don't feel burdened to complete all the activities at once, but carefully select which ones will fit your family best. Each month of curriculum provides more than enough experiences to last you throughout the month.

**3** Remember to **HAVE FUN!** Strive to make each gathering unique to your own family as you enjoy spending time with God and each other.

## Editor's Note

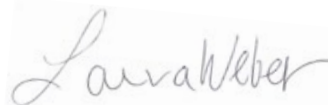
I was an extremely independent and energetic child. (Translation: I got in trouble a lot.) I certainly did not enjoy these times of correction, but as I look back, I realize my parents taught me some really important lessons as they disciplined me.

When I was disciplined, two phrases were always exchanged: "I love you" and "I'm sorry." I cannot recall a time when my parents did not remind me that they still loved me, even though they did not approve of my behavior. This consistent love from my parents has helped me to understand and truly believe that my Heavenly Father always loves me, even when I mess up.

And then there was "I'm sorry." I was always asked to talk through why I had made the decision I did and was then encouraged to ask for forgiveness from both God and the person I had hurt. This definitely shaped me, but the more important "I'm sorry" came from my parents. My parents were very quick to admit to their shortcomings with me and always apologized for any ways they may have messed up or hurt me in the process of disciplining me. Their humility and willingness to apologize to their children taught me that even adults still mess

up. From them, I was given the freedom to be in process, to not be perfect. I knew Jesus could handle my mess and was willing to restore me when I sinned.

Course correction is about restoration. It is about learning to accept and be transformed by the forgiveness the Father gives us again and again. I hope this issue of HomeFront Monthly gives your family plenty of opportunities to experience the love and healing that comes from our Heavenly Father. ☺



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## ENVIRONMENT

# COURSE CORRECTION

This environment flows out of Hebrews 12:11–13 and is the direct opposite of punishment. Instead, biblical discipline encompasses: a season of pain, a building up in love, and a vision for a corrected path for the individual with the purpose of healing at its core.

This month we are looking at the environment of COURSE CORRECTION. Most people probably think this sounds like a painful process. The truth is, it can be! When we find ourselves “off course” in life, sometimes just the realization that we are wrong can be painful. Sometimes the consequences of our decisions can be painful. However, God has a way of using our mistakes and missteps to make us beautiful and powerful examples of His love in our lives. We pray your family will experience the beautiful healing and restoration that God brings to His children. ☺



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## VERSE OF THE MONTH

Memorizing Scripture can be an invaluable practice to engage in as a family. But words in and of themselves will not necessarily transform us; it is God's Spirit in these words that transforms. We come to know God more when we are willing to open our hearts and receive His Holy Spirit through the words we memorize. Have fun with these verses and think of creative ways to invite your family to open up to God as they commit these verses to memory.

## ELEMENTARY VERSE

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:11

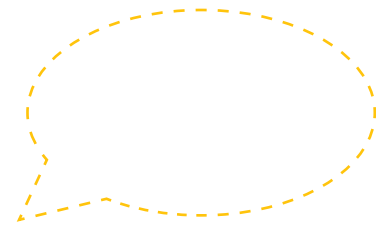
## PRES/KINDER VERSE

“You always show me the path that leads to life.” Psalm 16:11a (NirV)

by Camille Kehoh

# FAMILY FOOD TIME

## CONVERSATION STARTERS



One of my favorite memories as a child was listening to my grandparents talk about God's faithfulness through every step of their lives. I loved hearing the stories that captured their journey.

More often than not, challenges were overcome and there was lots of personal growth. This month, take some time to go around the table and share one or two areas in your life where you have seen growth and faithfulness. For the little ones, it may be that they worked really hard on an area such as sharing or listening to Mom and Dad. For parents, it could be sharing how God grew you through a challenge such as managing your time or sharing

your faith, and how He has been faithful to you in that challenge.

If you or one of your family members have a hard time pinpointing an area of growth and faithfulness, invite everyone around the table to help them choose an area where they have seen growth. Then affirm him for how far he has come! 🙌



by Ashley Otani

# FAMILY FOOD TIME

## RECIPE

This simple recipe is quick, easy, and can include a couple extra little hands while preparing. So use this time with your children to tell them a great story.

### Zesty Mashed Potatoes

- 8 large potatoes (peeled, cooked, drained, and cubed)
- ½ cup sour cream
- 8 oz. package of cream cheese at room temperature
- ½ cup butter at room temperature
- ½ cup milk
- ½ tsp. (to taste) minced garlic; salt and pepper to taste

1. Put potatoes in a large mixing bowl. Using a hand mixer, mash potatoes at medium speed until smooth.
2. Add sour cream, cream cheese, butter, milk, minced garlic, salt, and pepper.
3. Pour into greased, 9" x 13" baking dish or pan and bake uncovered for 30 minutes at 400 degrees. 🙌

# GAME TIME

## YOUNGER KIDS

### Following the Leader

To show your children what following someone looks like, play the classic game Follow the Leader.

**Supplies:** upbeat music, musical instruments, streamers/ribbons

You can vary the music, use different musical instruments, or wave streamers as you go. Change up your movements regularly, and invite your kids mimic what you do and to sing along with you: "We're following the leader, the leader, the leader. We're following the leader wherever he may go."

Take turns leading and have fun until everyone's had an opportunity to lead. For very young

children, finish when they lose interest. For older preschoolers, take time to sit afterward and talk about how much fun you had during the game.

After you have finished playing, make sure to remind your children that Jesus is our leader and that we can trust him to always lead us down the right path because He loves us *so* much. 🎵



# GAME TIME

## OLDER KIDS

### The Game of Life

I am not a huge board game fanatic, but there is one board game that I do enjoy and have countless memories playing. It is The Game of Life. This game is full of all kinds of choices and decisions. With the roll of the dice, you can choose to go to college, experience a natural disaster, lose a turn, and even experience the joys and woes of having a family ... all with the hopes of retiring in style.

Life is a fun game for the entire family, but could be played with a little more purpose. Plan

a family game night. As you play the game, seize opportunities to share your own stories of life and some of the ups and downs you have gone through. Whether it's parents sharing about their youth (kids love those stories), kids sharing about the experiences that have made an impact on their lives (you might be surprised which stories they choose), or the family unit looking at where God has led them, The Game of Life will suddenly take on a new purpose. 🎲

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WAY!

# STORYTELLING

## THE FAMILY VEHICLE

When I was 16 years old (and a very new driver!), My youth pastor invited me to go with a group of guys to a local swimming hole. Getting to this swimming hole required driving through a series of river crossings.

The river crossings were deep, but had been paved with smooth cement only four-wheel-drive vehicles could pass. This was a good thing, because I was driving the family car, which was not exactly an off-roading machine. As the group headed out for the day, I was asked to drive a car full of guys to our favorite spot. On the way there, our family car, filled with boys, crossed each and every river crossing with ease, in spite of the green algae that covered each one. Losing traction every now and then made our adventure all the more fun.

After a long day of swimming, we all piled back into the cars and decided to race to see who could be the first to make it back to our favorite Mexican restaurant. As I went over the first few river crossings, a friend suggested that I stop in the middle of the stream crossing, rev the engine, and see how long I could spin the tires. As we continued our drive, the idea started to get more and more exciting. (Of course, it didn't help that I was 16 and the carload of boys was egging me on.) As I rounded the last corner before we hit the main road, I came up on the last and biggest river crossing yet. As I approached the stream, the cheers of my friends started to build and I knew I had to do it.

When I entered the water, I looked for the place with the most green algae and stopped the car to place my wheels over the greenest part. I waited for a few seconds, revved the engine to 6000 RPM, and dropped the clutch. Instantly water flew everywhere, wheels were spinning, boys were cheering, the car wasn't moving, and the world's longest burn out was taking place right in the middle of a river. I was going to be a hero.

Then, suddenly the unexpected happened. The tires, still spinning, started to hydroplane, and the moving current of the stream started to push the car. I slowly let off the gas, but it was too late. My car was now floating, foot by foot, over the concrete river crossing and into the flowing river. I felt one tire drop off into the river, and before I knew it, the entire car, my family vehicle, was soon floating down the river.

For the first few seconds, the car floated; but then water started seeping in through the cracks in the door, and the entire car began to fill with water. As it came to rest on the bottom of the river—luckily it was only two-feet deep—I knew I was going to be in big trouble.

As I opened the door and got out of the car with all of my friends, the only thing I could think of was how on earth I was going to explain this to my father. For the next 30 minutes, the guys and I slowly bounced, lifted, and muscled our family car back onto the concrete river crossing.

When we finally got the car going and as I dropped the boys off at the church, no one spoke. My insides were racing, and I knew that I deserved something bad. I knew I had fallen to peer pressure from my friends and had made a really bad choice.

With water still floating in each of the wheel wells, I pulled into the driveway of our little house only to see my dad waiting for me. I got out of the car, and he asked me, "So ... what happened?" As I told him the story, he simply listened and took it all in. He thought about it long and hard and then did something I had never expected. He hugged me. He then went on to explain that normally there would be some consequences for my actions, but he could tell that I was already being pretty hard on myself and how that, alone, was probably painful enough. For the next hour or so we cleaned the car together, soaking up all the water and talking about the choices I had made and what it would look like to choose differently next time.

Reflecting back on this story, I am still amazed at how my father responded. He didn't respond in anger and punishment, but out of love and restoration. In that, I got a glimpse of what God's heart towards me looks like. This is the heart of true course correction. 🙏

# GOD'S WORD

Throughout God's big story, a pattern is clearly evident. God has a plan ... man follows God's plan ... man gets off course ... God steps in and puts man back on course. Repeat that pattern thousands of times and you have a pretty accurate description of the history of the world!

Of course, this same pattern is evident in our own lives. We decide to follow the Lord (and we mean it!). Despite our best intentions, we get distracted by the things of this world and our own desires. We fall off the path God has laid out for us. When we realize this, we cry out for God's help and He puts us back on track. After this, everything's great ... until the next time. (Which, for me, is usually about five minutes later.) Why does this pattern keep emerging in our lives? What are we to do about it?

## LEARNING FROM PETER

The life of Peter is a case study of someone who gets off track on a regular basis. I mean, Peter traveled around with Jesus for years and still messed up all the time. He often spoke or acted without thinking first. He also had a little bit of a pride issue. Let's look at what happened with Peter right before Jesus' crucifixion.

## HEAR IT

Read Matthew 26:34–35.

### As a family discuss

- What did Jesus say Peter is going to do?
- What is Peter's response?

Jesus (who is, by the way, God) tells Peter he's going to mess up. Instead of humbly accepting that God knows him better than he knows himself, Peter proudly declares that he would never do such a thing and would die before disowning Jesus! This turns out to be less than true. Let's jump ahead in the story a bit. Jesus has been arrested and Peter is watching the proceedings of the evening from a distance.

Read Matthew 26:69–75

### As a family discuss

- Did Peter live up to his promise?

What?! How can this be? Peter swore he would rather die than disown Jesus! Clearly, Peter got off

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**PICK A  
REGULAR TIME  
FOR YOUR  
FAMILY TO GET  
TOGETHER.  
(IF YOU  
ALREADY HAVE  
A WEEKLY  
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TIME, YOU'RE  
HALFWAY  
THERE! IF NOT,  
TAKE ON THE  
CHALLENGE TO  
CREATE ONE!)**

## GOD'S WORD CONTINUED ...

course. He started out with great intentions, but somehow lost his way.

Fortunately for Peter (and for us) this isn't the end of his story. In fact, God used Peter to change the world in spite of his shortcomings. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says "I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Jesus knew Peter. He knew what his weaknesses were. When He said this, He even knew Peter would disown Him in the future. But, His plan was to use Peter anyway.

If you read on in the book of Acts, you will read the stories of Peter preaching and bringing thousands of people to Christ. You can see how God used Him to start the church just as He said He would.

## DO IT

How did God correct Peter's path? In Peter's unique situation, God began his course correction even before he got off course!

Read Matthew 26:75 again.

Because Jesus had told Peter what he would do ahead of time, Peter was able to immediately learn his lesson. It was clearly a painful lesson if he "went outside and wept bitterly."

### As a family discuss

- What did Peter learn from his course correction?
- How did God use this to strengthen Peter as someone God could work through more effectively?

If Peter, who actually spent time living and walking with Jesus, could get off course and make mistakes, then it's no wonder that we can too! So, what do we do about it? God corrects our courses to make us stronger and more effective for Him. Through His loving corrections, He restores us to His plan and shows us where we are getting in the way of what He is doing. 🙏

As a family, ask God to show you where and when you've strayed from His plan. This is something that you'll need to do continually.

**Pick a regular time for your family to get together.** (If you already have a weekly family time, you're halfway there! If not, take on the challenge to create one!) Make it a fun time that your family looks forward to. Include a meal. Use this family resource for ideas and commit to being together as a family.

Every week, during your family time, take some time to talk about how God wants to use your family to impact your neighbors, your friends, and your world. Talk about what it would take to get your family on course with what God is calling you to and then do it! Accept God's course correction for your family, and watch it become a unique expression of God's love in your lives and in the lives of those around you.

by Tyler Carroll

# PRAYER

Recently, I have been struck by how important my relationship with my family has become over the last few years. I am not really sure when the change happened, though I am wishing now that it would have happened much earlier.

I think I went through the usual teenage years, where I was definitely smarter than my parents (not), and somehow fell out of step with the family as a whole. What I realized when I got to college, however, was that the unwavering love and support of my family was truly a gift from God, and for me to toss it aside was a refusal to walk down the path of family that God had laid out for me.

As we look at COURSE CORRECTION, I want to challenge you to take a look at the direction the relationships in your family are going. Are you growing in love and understanding of each other, or has the communication broken down and love seems difficult to grasp?

In the next few weeks, set aside two times to pray over your relationships as a family. Pray God would strengthen already strong relationships and pray He would renew broken ones. In between these times of family prayer, take time by yourself or with your

spouse to pray for the relationships your children have with each other. Pray the Lord would heal and restore any pain or anger that exists, and thank Him for any strong and healthy bonds you see between your children. Ask Him if there is a role for you to play as a parent in encouraging any conversation or restoration that is needed between your children. ☺

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# TRADITIONS

## FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT

When my husband and I got married, we felt God asking us to forgo the tradition of registering for gifts and instead make an offering to God. Our wedding invitation included a card that read:

“As we journey towards marriage, we feel God asking us to choose to live differently. We desire to live a life that is not defined by our culture, but rather one that defies it. We want to live a life characterized by generosity and a continual choosing of others over ourselves.

As a first step toward choosing to live life this way, we have not registered for wedding gifts. Instead, we have set up a giving fund. This fund will be used to help meet the needs we see in the community around us. We plan to help out families going through hard times, give underprivileged kids new opportunities, and provide for whatever other needs we see along the way.

In place of traditional wedding gifts, we would be honored if you would contribute to this giving fund. The best gift that you, our family and friends, can give us is your support as we enter this new season of life and begin giving ourselves away.”

This statement has come to shape our marriage and our family more than we had ever imagined. I'm not sure we understood what we were getting ourselves into. We can now look back and see that God has taken us up on those promises we made to Him. With each passing year, He has asked us for increasing amounts of generosity and compassion. These decisions usually involve our finances and opening up our home and our family. These are pretty hard things to say yes to sometimes. We mess up along the way, and we struggle because some of these sacrifices feel huge. But, every time we do say yes, it seems He prepares our hearts to say yes to the next things He asks of us.

As we've come to realize how hugely this statement has shaped our family, we've made a tradition of sitting down at the beginning of each year with that insert from our wedding. With a clear picture of who we've been called to be in front of us, we take an honest look at where we're at. We talk about the ways we've been obedient to this call. We also talk about the ways we've missed

it. Where have we let laziness, selfishness, or simply busyness keep us from saying yes to God's requests for generosity and compassion from our family? Recognizing where we've gotten it right and where we've missed it, we then pray and ask God to continue to lead us on this path. We ask Him to show us how to be the people He's called us to be in the coming year, and we confess the areas of disobedience or fear that are connected to this. Without fail, we always feel a strong sense of God's love and enjoyment of us in these times. ☺

*Unaware of what we were doing at the time, our wedding insert has become our family mission statement. This statement reminds us who God has created us to be, and it also serves as great course correction for our family. With a clear statement for how we are to live in front of us, it's pretty clear when we have gotten off course. Our loving Father is always faithful to gently steer us back on course when we've strayed off.*

*Take an evening and sit down as a family to create a mission statement. Before you write anything down, pray and ask the Lord to reveal to you who it is He has uniquely created your family to be. Are there any words or Scriptures that are significant to your family? Use those. When you have finished writing this out, spend time offering these words to God and ask Him to show you how to live this way.*

*Make a tradition of regularly sitting down with your mission statement to assess where your family is. Does God need to offer any course correction? Celebrate the ways you have seen your mission statement lived out. End these times by praying and asking God to increase in each of you the capacity to say yes to the radical life He has called your family to.*

# WORSHIP

## FIRST AID

**Supplies:** Bible, permanent marker, and one adhesive bandage per person

Sit in a circle and pass out an adhesive bandage to each person in your family. Hold the adhesive bandage and look at it while you answer these questions. You will be writing something on it at the end of this time.

- **Who has ever broken a bone or gotten injured? What bones did you break?**
- **What did you do when you got injured?** You probably went to the doctor.
- **What are some things that doctors do to help injuries heal?** They put casts on to correct the broken bone, they put bandages on, or they stitch us up. They also give us medicine to help our bodies heal.

Ask someone to volunteer to open up the Bible and read Romans 3:23. Then as a family, discuss these questions.

- **According to Romans 3:23, who has sinned?**
- **What is sin?** Sin is anything we say, think, or do that displeases God.
- **List some things that are sins.**

Our sin separates us from God, because He is perfect and we are not. But there's good news! God desires to be in relationship with us. He wants to heal us and restore us.

- **What are some rules in our household?**
- **What happens if we break the rules?**
- **There are usually consequences for breaking rules. What is the reason for those consequences?**

Read Hebrews 12:11–13. God disciplines us when we sin. He disciplines us because He loves us. But out of the discipline, God brings healing. When we disobey and sin, there are consequences. We feel bad because we disappointed the God who created and knows us. When we sin, it's kind of like breaking a bone. We fall down, we feel pain, but then we go to the doctor and he corrects the pain. He puts a cast on it and offers medicine to heal the wounds. God brings us healing.

Now ask each family member to think about this question: **Is there anything you want God to heal**

**today?** Maybe it's a wrong attitude or impatience with your sibling. Maybe there's something you want to ask God to forgive you for. Take a moment of silence and invite everyone to pray quietly to God, asking Him to heal those places in their hearts. Then pass out markers and instruct everyone to get their adhesive bandages and write down the thing they are asking God to heal or forgive.

Once everyone has written on their adhesive bandage, think of a place to stick them to remind everyone of God's healing. (Maybe it's the inside cover of your Bibles or on a piece of paper on the refrigerator.) Every time you see these adhesive bandages, let it remind you that God loves you and wants to heal the sin and hurt in your life. Close your time by praying as a family, asking God to bring healing to the places that need it. ☺

# CREATE

Garden stepping stones can serve as a physical example of a straight path for our feet.

Just as God gives us one step at a time, these stones can guide you step by step through your yard or garden. Hebrews 12:11–13 reminds us that “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.”

Here are directions if you want to make your own stepping stones. You can also buy a kit that has all the supplies in it (around \$20 at your local craft supply store):

## HOW TO BUILD

### Supplies

- 2, 5 lb. bags of gravel-free cement
- bucket
- mold or baking pan
- non-stick spray (suggest WD40)
- newspaper
- stir sticks

1. Draw your pattern on paper before you start, to be sure everything fits.
2. Place a couple of layers of newspaper on your work surface.
3. Measure 2 ½ c. water into a bucket. Stir in 5 lbs. gravel-free cement or mortar. Mix well with a stirring stick or other mixing utensil.
4. Add another 5 lbs. cement and mix until it's the consistency of brownie mix: smooth and thick.
5. Add more water, 1 tbl. at a time, if the mixture is too dry. Add more concrete, 1/4 c. at a time, if it is too runny.
6. Position a mold on a flat surface. You can use a store-bought vinyl mold or an aluminum baking or roasting pan.
7. Spray the mold lightly with non-stick spray of WD40.

8. Fill the mold halfway.
9. Shake the mold gently to release any bubbles. Pour in the rest of the cement and repeat.
10. Wait 5 minutes before decorating the stepping stone with objects such as shells or mosaic tiles. Place them on the surface and give the mold a couple of gentle shakes to help the cement settle around the objects.
11. Wait 20 minutes before you write or draw in the cement. If the writing fills in with water, smooth it over with a stirring stick and wait a little longer.
12. Wait 30 minutes before making hand or footprints.
13. Let the stepping stone sit undisturbed in the mold for at least 48 hours.
14. Turn the mold upside down over a thick towel and tap on the back until it releases the stone.

When you are ready to place all of your stepping stones in your yard, gather together as a family and pray God would continue to direct each of your individual paths toward Him. Place the stones in the ground and explain to your family that these stones are a reminder that God is directing each of their hearts toward Him, and that He will give them a path to follow. 🙏

by Roger Tarabasi

# MARRIAGE

Hebrews 12:11–13 reminds us that “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.”

Marriage is probably one of the most refining furnaces for developing our holiness; often even more trying than raising our children. At times we have more patience with our children because we expect that they will need to be reminded to do their homework and pick up after themselves. We expect them to act out at times. But we are often caught off guard when our spouse forgets things or gets upset and acts out. Our reaction to our spouse's forgetfulness or weaknesses tests us. In his book “Sacred Marriage,” Gary Thomas asks, “What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?” God disciplines us to make us more like Him. This discipline does not seem pleasant at the time. Serving our partner, forgiving our partner, learning to communicate frustration in a loving manner, becoming gentler, kinder, more caring, more patient; these are characteristics of holiness that our Lord works into marriage. ☉

AS A COUPLE,  
**DISCUSS AREAS  
WHERE YOU SEE  
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HOLINESS?



# BLESSING

One of the most incredible things about our heavenly Father is that His love for us never runs out. He loves us abundantly and is faithful to walk beside us and guide us back to Him over and over again. Restoration, forgiveness, the hope of a new start ... these are the things He is about. I have been most changed by God in my moments of intense brokenness. When I have come to Him hurting and in sin, never has His love and forgiveness felt more significant and real.

## BLESSING

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; ... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; ... And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." Ezekiel 36:25–27

This crazy, extravagant love of God is for our kids too. You have an incredible opportunity to model it to your children throughout their lives. They may not fully understand what it looks like to be loved by God in the midst of their sin and to be graciously pointed back down the right path, but as the course-correction moments of life come, your love for them can show them what God's love for them looks like. As you read this blessing over your children, remind them that you love them, no matter what. More importantly, remind them that God loves them, no matter what. Remind them He is a God of change and restoration and that He will be faithful to forgive and restore them when they mess up ... all they have to do is come to Him. He is continually making all things new ... me, you, your children ... all of us. What hope!

In each issue of HomeFront Monthly, you will see a different blessing. This will be your blessing for the entire month. Take the time to speak this blessing into the lives of your children at different times throughout the next several weeks. You can do this on the way to school, before bed, or while you eat as a family. Just make sure you have your children's attention. Look them in their eyes and pray the blessing over them. Affirm your love for them by placing a hand on their shoulder or holding their hands. Remember, God's Spirit is at work; He will bless and care for the growing and tender hearts of your children. 🙏



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**Don't forget the HomeFront Weekly:** A resource to get parents and kids talking about God's Word together.