



Preparing Your Arrows to Soar

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TEXT: PSALM 127:3-5

Your children need the unconditional love and unwavering presence of their parents. Your family is worth fighting for, but how do we offer our best to our children when we didn't receive the best?

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“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.”

John 11:25-26

Blessing is God’s most ancient instinct and blessing is our deepest longing.

Children are one of many ways that God shows his favor, but they certainly are not the only way.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”

Psalms 34:18 NLT

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.”

Ephesians 1:3

God created you in love for love to join together with another in the sacred union of covenantal love between one man and one woman to form a family for God’s continued work of transforming love through you.

Family advocate, Bernice Weissbourd, once wrote: “However the forms of life have changed and the number expanded, the role of the family has remained constant and it continues to be the major institution through which children pass en route to adulthood.”

Your family is worth fighting for. Your children need the unconditional love and unwavering presence of their parents.

Every morning is a new mercy. Every breath is a grace. It’s not too late.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like **arrows in a warrior’s hands**. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!”

Psalms 127:3-5 NLT

Arrows go where the warrior cannot go, so how are you preparing your arrows to take flight beyond you?



God spoke to Moses: “The Lord is a warrior; Yahweh is his name!”

Exodus 15:3 NLT

God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah: “It is the Lord who provides the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night, and who stirs the sea into roaring waves. His name is the Lord of Heaven’s armies.”

Jeremiah 31:35 NLT

God spoke to the prophet Hosea: “The Lord God of Heaven’s armies, the Lord is his name!”

Hosea 12:5 NLT

God saw fit to give his warrior heart to the call of a parent!

Warriors are:

- equipped for battle
- committed to the mission
- ready to sacrifice
- choose not to lead with the sword, but with wisdom

Do you believe this about yourself as a parent?

79% of all moms - including all Christians and non-Christians surveyed - across the socioeconomic spectrum feel alone, worried, and judged. – What Most Parents Aren’t Telling You, p. 52

51% of all dads - including all Christians and non-Christians surveyed - across the socioeconomic spectrum feel confused about parenting their children. – What Most Parents Aren’t Telling You, p. 52

The study concludes that over time, a growing faith in Jesus and active participation in a local church decreases all negative feelings about parenting

“The days are long, but the years are short. It’s just a phase, so don’t miss it.”

“The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.”

Proverbs 24:16

“We are their theology.”

We are how our children know God, for better and for worse.



How do I offer my best when I didn't receive the best?

1 and 2 Timothy, written by the Apostle Paul, read like a father preparing his child for adulthood.

Men and women without children can stand in the gap as warrior father-figures and warrior mother-figures for children in need.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

One of the best definitions of fear is avoidance.

“Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.”
1 John 4:18

Timidity means a lack of courage.

“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Warriors, if you focus your attention on winning the daily battle to help your children overcome fear and timidity by nurturing God's Spirit of love, power, and self-discipline in their lives, then you will have given your children enough to faithfully release your arrows into the world to live this life well and to the full.

Take up God's Word as a:

1. **Sandpaper** to shape your arrow – read, memorize, sing, pray God's Word
2. **Manual** for the warrior – for training, preparing and executing
3. **Flightpath** to follow – does your arrow know the destination?

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
Psalms 119:11

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16-17



“...unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son... mature in the Lord... measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:13

This is every arrow’s destination. This is every warrior’s mission.

RESOURCES

theparentcue.org

[Indescribable](#) by Louie Giglio

[How Great is Our God](#) by Louie Giglio

[The Parenting Book](#) by Nicky & Sila Lee

[Confident Parenting](#) by Jim Burns

[The Slugs and Bugs Show](#)

