

"5 CONVERSATIONS YOU HAVE TO HAVE WITH YOUR CHILD"

Pastor Jack Hawkins

June 19, 2011

- Your body is custom designed by God (Psalm 139:13-15)
- Your body isn't your own, it's God's temple (I Corinthians 6:18-20)
- Keep the temple pure and clean (2 Timothy 2:22)
- Be prepared to be challenged for taking a stand for purity (I Peter 4:1-5)
- God's way is a way of blessings and no regrets (Ephesians 5:25-33)

1) I ACCEPT YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE

You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

2) IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT YOU

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Matthew 23:11, 12

3) MAKE WISE DECISIONS WITH YOUR SEXUALITY

The Sex Talk in three steps

1. Share with your children early and often about sex starting between ages 8 and 10.
2. Give them the basics on how things work.
3. Give them God's gold standard on sexuality.

4) YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. Psalm 130: 3, 4

5) PUT GOD AT THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Time with God

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic.

Memory Verse: *"Then Jesus said to the paralytic, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'" Mark 2:10b-12*

Monday

Read Mark 2:1-12, Romans 5:1-2 & 1 Peter 1:3-9. How would you define faith? How do these verses describe faith? When is it most difficult for you to have faith? Why? Recall a time when you stepped out in faith. How did that impact your attitude? Your actions? The paralytic's friends took a huge step of faith for him. Think about your relationships – who needs you to share your faith and confidence in Christ with them?

Thank God today for His faithfulness. Thank Him for the opportunities to have your faith grow. Pray that God will give you the opportunity to be someone's "stretcher-bearer". Ask God to keep stretching your faith.

Tuesday

Read Mark 2:4, John 16:33 & Philippians 4:12-13. What obstacles do you imagine the paralytic faced? What obstacles did his friends face? Think about your life right now. What obstacles are you facing? How can an obstacle be a good thing? What is the connection between obstacles and faith? How have the obstacles that you have faced strengthened your faith? Again, think of your family and friends. Who is facing an obstacle right now? How can you be one of their stretcher-bearers?

Thank God today for His involvement in your life. Thank Him for His commitment to growing you and your faith. Pray that you'll see obstacles as opportunities for God to work and your faith to grow. Ask God to give you opportunities to encourage those around you who may feel cornered by obstacles.

Wednesday

Read Mark 2:7 & John 1:14 & Hebrews 4:15-16. Think about what you know about the life and ministry of Jesus. What type of contact did He have with people? How does contact influence your impact in someone's life? How has your life benefited from someone taking time to be involved? What prevents you from stepping out and increasing contact with friends and family? How does this story encourage you? What did you learn in this story from the friends and from Jesus? What if God had decided to save us from a distance – without sending Jesus to earth to become one of us and interact with us? How would that change your relationship with Him? How does knowing that God made the ultimate move to have contact with you help you step out in faith and increase your involvement in other's lives?

Thank God today that He sent His Son Jesus from heaven to earth just to reach you. Thank Him for His example for you to follow. Talk to God about the fears you have about reaching out and being involved. Ask God to give you the wisdom to know how to best make an impact on others' lives. Pray that your life will point people to Jesus.

Thursday

Read Lamentations 3:22-26, Mark 2:4 & 2 Peter 3:8-9. What's the longest you've waited to see the answer to a prayer? What did you learn while you waited? What does perseverance have to do with faith? How did the paralytic's friends demonstrate perseverance? What are the rewards of persevering? What makes it difficult for you to persevere? In what area of your life do you feel as though you're waiting for God to answer? What have you learned during this wait? Who in your life needs to be encouraged to not give up? How will you do that this week?

Thank God today that He has never given up on you. Thank Him for the many times past that you've seen Him work in your life even while you waited. Pray about the areas of your life where you're finding it hard to "stay with it" right now. Ask God to give you hope, a vision for the future and the strength to persevere.

Friday

Read Mark 2:12 & Ephesians 3:14-21. Recall a time when you received a gift that was wrapped in a misleading way. How do expectations impact your attitude? How can expectations be limiting? Why does it sometimes feel safer to have no expectations? How does faith impact expectations? Think about your life right now. In what area are you tempted to settle for low expectations from God? What would it look like to expect great things from God? How would that impact your actions and attitude? How would being a person of great expectations impact your family and friends?

Thank God today that He is far beyond our expectations. Thank Him for His love for you that exceeds all your expectations of love. Talk to God about the areas of your life where you're tempted to settle for low expectations. Ask God to stretch your faith and increase your expectations. Pray that the miracles God performs in your life will point people to Him and cause others to praise Him.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure you've memorized the verse for this week. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pastor Chuck and Pastor Dave Fredrickson will be answering your questions in what we are calling "Stump the Pastors". It should be fun. Grow closer to God. Pray that Bayside West Community Church will be a beacon of hope in the Roseville area.