

From the Family Room

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Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

I Corinthians 10:12

When we were in London several years ago, we rode the tube extensively. Several different types of trains ran routes and as a result some of the trains and platforms were not at the same level. This created a possible trip hazard when entering and exiting the train. In some places, the station platform was curved and since the car was straight, an unsafe wide gap between the car and platform was created. At each station, we were reminded constantly by a message on the public address system (spoken in a very distinct British accent) to “Mind the gap.” There were many signs throughout the stations with the same message. While in London we did in fact mind the gap as we transitioned from the platform to the car and back.

That is good advice for parents regarding our children. One day they will transition from children in our homes to adults in the world. That transition can be tricky. One study recently revealed how tricky. This study suggested that 70% of youth who attended church as teens stopped attending church after they graduated from high school. The study further showed that only about half return to church a decade later. Why did the 70% leave? Why did the 35% return? Why did the 30% stay? What can we do to increase that 30% to 100% when it comes to our children?

That is the subject of our next family class beginning on September 4th. This is a class for families with small children or even no children now. This is a class for families with elementary aged children. This is a class for families with teen children. We would love to have representatives of families whose children have graduated. We will study what God’s word says about training up faithful children. We will discuss what has worked for us. We will note things we did that were not effective. We will collaborate and help each other.

We must begin preparing our children when they are young to mind the gap and not fall from the faith when they leave home and transition into adults. Please join this important class in room 14 next Sunday.

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