

JOB 1:1 ASV There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. 4 And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

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E-38 He wants us to. If the earthly parents wants us to do well, what about our heavenly Parent the Lord Jesus? He has to correct us.

Due to our initial lack of comprehensive knowledge regarding salvation not just a portion, but the entire plan of redemption as it pertains to ourselves and everyone else, we adopted a limited perspective. This narrow view caused significant harm, including injury to our unbelieving children and spouse.

We were influenced by our former ministers, who, in their own ignorance (without malicious intent), inadvertently caused us to alienate our unbelieving spouses. This alienation led them to resent us, William Branham, and the Message. Our actions also caused our children to despise us, our faith, and the Message, due to the way we, as parents and elders, practiced it. We applied intense psychological and emotional pressure, including blackmail and manipulation. This pressure is unsustainable and eventually causes a breaking point, leading the children to declare they will never return to that perceived bondage.

While this situation is challenging, there is a significantly better approach for engaging with our unbelieving children, one that can yield positive results. Therefore, it is important to confirm that my words align with the Prophet's teachings and that these teachings are supported by Scripture. It is crucial to understand that Brother Branham is not referring to Job's approach to God for himself, as a believer. Job was concerned about his family.

Although his wife is not explicitly mentioned here, we recall her advising him to "curse God and die" to end his suffering". This suggests that the unbelief or lack of wisdom in Job's wife may have influenced his children, increasing his concern.

The Prophet states that Job is the oldest book in the Bible, predating the priesthood, the Law, and the Levites. Job was an old man, and just before the disaster struck his home, something happened. God sometimes places a burden on a parent's heart for their children. The essential matter is what Job did with that burden.

If a person is correctly saved and properly led to Christ, they will know the correct way to lead others. Failure to lead others correctly, or to approach them the right way, can severely damage the relationship and foster a negative view of God, His Word, and His Messenger.

The Prophet said that just before the disaster at his home, Job became worried. Worry, fear, and uncertainty are connected. Job had several children who were worldly, mingling with the things of the world. This is a major concern and source of worry for all Message parents. Some parents prioritize their children's worldly success through certain schools. However, once children reach the age where they can read and write, the best action a parent can take is to homeschool them or enrol them in a Christian school program, as this prevents many difficulties.

Furthermore, having unbelieving children can be viewed as a form of divine wisdom or "payback." Believers often fail to recognize that they, too, were once like unbelieving children in relation to their Heavenly Father. This experience allows the parent to understand the feelings of our Heavenly Father. In many instances, believing parents having unbelieving children is a test from God. Some parents love their children more than God. Similarly, some spouses love their partners more than God, prioritizing their feelings, tears, and worries over God's Word. Sometimes, an unbelieving child or spouse is God's method of testing the parent.

God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, the child he deeply desired and longed for, to prove his love. A modern reaction might be to conclude that it was the devil's voice. However, Abraham did not have this reaction. Abraham was familiar with God's voice. We are meant to be children of Abraham.

Sometimes, children who do not believe can challenge a parent's love and loyalty to God. Parents love their children very much. As a result of this great love, parents might allow ungodly things in their Christian home. They might allow their children to wear ungodly clothes or do ungodly things at home. You may be told not to drive them away. I said that, because I am going to tell you to set some rules and talk with them. You should say that if they are old enough, they have the right to leave home and live anywhere they want. But if they live under my roof, I must follow God's rules. I follow God's rules in my own house. I do not follow my own rules. I pay the rent here. So, it is very important that you follow God's rules if you live here. If you do not want to, I will not force you. But while you are here, you must follow the rules, even if you do not believe them.

When you leave, you can do what you want outside. You need to talk with them about this. You must have some rules, so they know you are not forcing this on them. They must know you are responsible to God. Because you are responsible to God, anyone living in your home must be responsible to you.

You must understand the teachings the Prophet on how to approach God. This approach is not just for you but for your children who are living in the world, mixing with the world; causing you worry, stress, and headaches. Parents know the feeling when your children, your very hearts, start mixing with the world and spending time with people who do not believe. I wonder if message-believing parents know that feeling? There is a false idea within the message. It is a self-righteous false idea that my children will never go down that path. If they are going that way, I will hide it from everyone. Every message family deals with this problem in some way. We care too much about what other people think. We care what our friends think, and what other message churches, message families, or the pastor's family think. Your family is not perfect just because everyone comes to a message church. The same children coming to a message church are going to leave your house and leave the message sooner or later. You raised them in the message. You raised them in the church. Be careful. You must make sure you are not self-righteous. You must also make sure you are not guilty of parenting idolatry. Parenting idolatry happens when you think too much about the needs and care of your sinful children. You put this before God's Word and the rules He told you to live by in your own house. God is supposed to be blessing that house. You put that first.

Spousal idolatry is the same thing. You put your husband who does not believe, above God's Word and agree to compromise. You say it is better to live in peace. That is what Eve did. That is what Adam did. There is no one who can cause you to commit idolatry, leave, and compromise the Word more than your wife, husband, or children. That is what Satan uses. There may be Christians, but Satan may use them. God allowed Satan to use a prophet in the Old Testament to speak against what another prophet had told a messenger in the Old Testament. See [1 Kings 13:23-32](#). That man listened and changed what the first messenger told him. He followed the second one's message, and a lion met him and ate him. God can allow Satan to use anyone, to test your commitment.

Mothers can also control their sons and daughters. Mothers must be careful because, they have power. All mothers with married sons and daughters must ask yourselves if you are controlling them, or their marriage? Are you interfering in your children's lives? Do not interfere. It may be uncomfortable but you must think about it. This will give you courage to go and repent.

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E-21 When Job was the oldest Book in the Bible... And when Job, an old man... And just before that disaster happened to his home, he got kind of worried. He had a bunch of children, and they were worldly, going out, mingling with the things of the world. **And all of we parents know what a feeling that is. When your children, your very heart, begins to mingle with the world, get out among the unbelievers.** I don't suppose Billy is present at the time; I think he's out maybe talking to Brother Wood. But in our city, we do not have a Christian school. And there's a bunch of worldly children, girls and boys too.

And when I thought of sending my boy to that school, knowing that every thing that I drilled into him, unless he becomes really converted, really come to Christ, that is, all of his nature would be changed, he'd be swept out from under my hands, as soon as he got with this worldly bunch. Because the very nature in him, no matter, being a good boy, that doesn't... Having a minister father, a religious home, where we don't approve of any of the worldly things in our home... We try to live by the grace of God, like Christians ought to live, the influence set before him.

I knowed if he was lost, he'd certainly walk over a righteous home, to be lost by. And I want him to have to walk over my life. And he'd have to walk over the Bible. He'd have to walk over the Blood of Christ. Because I'll certainly, by God's grace, present it in front of him.

[Brother Branham talked about his experience with Billy here.](#)

You can see that there will be a fight today. He talked about it, but we do not have a Christian school. I do not think Billy is present at home. I believe he is outside talking to Brother Wood. However, in our city, we do not have a Christian school. There are many worldly children, both girls and boys. He began to talk about the school and the unbelieving company. Then he talked about something else. Brother Branham talked about how he would go out and pray for Billy. He said that he would go out in his car and drive around. He would say, "God, do not let my boy get involved in that kind of stuff out there."

Brother Branham saw the concern. He worried about it. He was praying for the boy. The message is called "**Approach to God.**" You can approach God with many prayers. However, if you do not approach Him in the right way, those prayers are not available. You cannot approach Him based on how much you love your child. You must approach Him because God made a way for your child through Christ. You are asking God, through Christ, to make a way to deal with that child's heart. Brother Branham went on to say that he said, "Oh, I hope and pray. His mother is dead, and I have been both father and mother to him. So please do not let him get caught up out there and get in trouble. You will protect him somehow." Brother Branham then made this statement: "Oh, if I had time this afternoon, it would take hours to explain how God has thrown the red light across Billy's path many times."

I will say this to the children who are listening, or the young people, the young men, or sinners, sinning children, or unbelievers, unbelieving children: They do many things, and they get away with it.

I will now give some advice to the believing parent or parents about how they should live with their children who do not believe. If you follow some of the advice that I am offering, which I believe comes from God, you can probably live a life with much less worry. Maybe it will take longer for things to change, and your wrinkles may appear, but not so fast, if you use some of the things that I believe are important for us to have a good life with our children who do not believe. Believing parents with children who do not believe rarely get away with anything. That is a general rule.

Remember when I talked about how Billy was in the hospital, close to dying, and God came down and gave him a vision in the room. Billy would have died. We are not prophets. We do not have that kind of talk with God. It is not like that for us.

However, it is the same God who will respect the same way of asking for help. That is what we must remember. After Brother Branham said all of that, he talks about Job again. He told you about Job worrying about his children who were mixing with the world. He gave an example about a parent, and he included himself in it.

We normally feel bad when our children do not believe or spend time with the world or do bad things. We take it personally. We think it shows something about our parenting. We think it shows something about our faith. We think it shows that we have failed. We think it shows something that might be wrong.

Look at Brother Branham's children. People might ask, "What is wrong with the prophet?" People might ask, "What is he doing wrong?" People might ask, "How is he living wrong?" People might ask, "How is his example wrong?" People might look at what Billy is doing. Even Rebecca followed up. You must stop thinking like that.

We have too much pride. We want to show others how our life is good, and our family is good. We want to show that our children are good in the message, and that we are a perfect family in the message. There is no such thing. There is only God's kindness. There is only God's forgiveness. We need to remove the idea that God gave us a message to take away our fear. My goal is to give us the right way to act towards our spouses and our children who do not believe. We must follow that way of acting. Then God will take care of the rest. All the other things about what people think, what people say, how things look, and what they are doing, all of that is weak. That is wasting energy. That gives the enemy a chance to make your feelings go up and down like a ride. You can use that time to thank God, praise God, and believe God that He loves you and will help you and those you love.

Some husbands who do not believe will say, "Those children are like that because of you." He might say, "It is because of you. It is because you talk to me in a bad way, or do not respect me, or something like that." Or he might say, "It is because of the way you live." Or he might say, "It is because you are always protecting those children." He might say, "It is your fault." He would say, "It is you." He might say, "It is you because you do not love them enough." You did not hug them enough. You did not kiss them enough. You did not raise them right." He might say, "You were always shouting at them and hitting them." That is exactly Satan trying to trick you.

When you are having those talks about your children who do not believe, and about what you should have done or should not do, and about the mistakes you made in raising them, just remember this: **You cannot be a good parent without God. If you are just a good parent and not a Christian parent, you still failed.** They might be good citizens, they going to the same place where the children who are bad citizens are going. God does not judge by good and bad. God does not judge by good and evil. God has a way of doing things.

When your way of doing things is wrong, and you do not see things correctly, you blame each other for your children. You blame the neighbour's children for their bad influence. The Bible says, when a man is tempted, he must not blame God. It is not helpful to blame others for children who do not believe today. Sometimes, a husband blames a wife, or a wife blames a husband. People might also blame the grandparents because they can have a strong influence that causes many problems. However, blaming others is not the correct approach.

There are many things that can be worked out. If a parent follows what God says to do, they must stop any interference right away eg grandparents. They can say, "No, Mom, we love you. You had your chance to raise me. That is fine. Now, let me have a chance to raise my child." If someone says, "You hurt my feelings," the parent must respond, "You should be a grandmother, but I must be the parent." Parents made mistakes and had successes with their own children. They should be allowed to have their failures and successes with their children. Parents must have this opportunity. It is necessary to make sure this is correct.

The prophet Job knew his children might sin. He said they may sin and he did not know about it. He had only one way to approach God, and that was with a burnt sacrifice. The Bible never said Job went to his children and preached to them repeatedly. Job never tried to change his children. He is not the Holy Spirit. He never tried to scare or frighten them, because that does not work. Job went to God. He approached God in the way God had provided for him. He was not approaching God for himself. He was not saying, "Lord, I failed them." Even the most perfect parent will have a child who falls and needs a certain approach.

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E-39 It's your nature. You're made up. You've come the right approach. You come your own approach. You come God's provided approach one time, and see what happens. Yes.

Job was taking his children through every--the only provided approach there was, the burnt offering. And now, here's a little thing I want you to notice. After all the turmoil, and everything was over, and then, **God had taken all of his sheep, and his cattle, and his horses, and things, then, at the end of his chastisement, or purging, God, doubled to him.**

If he had ten thousand cattle, He give him twenty thousand cattle. See? Oh, isn't that marvelous? God purged Job for the purpose to bless him.

So, Job took the sacrifice and made an offering for his children. This is an important point. Usually, people talk only about making a sacrifice for their own sin. But Job was a man who knew he was a believer. He was not unsure about his own faith. He was sure how he received life. This offering was for his believing spouse and his unbelieving children.

The Bible connects these two groups:

1 CORINTHIANS 7:11 ASV (but should she depart, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband leave not his wife. 12 But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother hath an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not leave her. 13 And the woman that hath an unbelieving husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 Yet if the unbelieving departeth, let him depart: the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us in peace.

So, Job took the burnt sacrifice and made an offering for his children. He sacrificed for every child. It is possible they had sinned. It is possible they never sinned around Job. Maybe he did not know anything about it, but he knew they were out in the world alone.

Children leave home, and parents do not know what they are doing. They are not going to church or doing certain things. What is needed today are more: good, traditional, praying mothers and fathers for their children. Job believed they may have sinned, so he offered the best he had. He used all the approach he had to God.

People use many different approaches today. Some use fasting. Some use threats. Some use emotional manipulation by not talking to their children. Some cut off communication with them. Some tell them never to visit their home. Parents must ask themselves what they have done. They must ask what they told their children. They must know what approach they are using. Some people use the blame game. If these are the conversations a person is having about their unbelieving children, they are approaching the problem incorrectly. This might also mean they approached their own salvation incorrectly. If the right way worked for the parent, it will work for the children.

Job killed one lamb for his own approach, for himself. He killed another one for one boy, and another one for another boy. He made a burnt offering for each one so they had a way to approach God. God saw the honesty and sincerity of the believing parent. Job knew he was not going to argue with his own goodness, or fuss, or make excuses about who did it or why they did it. He simply went knowing that sin is human nature, just like his own. He knew that the only way God shows mercy is through the sacrifice of the Lamb. It is important to understand this.

Some may say that the influence of a father is not important because salvation is an individual matter. The Bible teacher Brother Branham said that God does not have grandchildren. He said salvation is an individual affair. This can be supported with quotes from his sermons.

Job was literally saying, "I am a believer. I have authority and favour with God. I have a token of faith and a token of life." When a parent presents their prayer for their children or their household, they should present the token: "I am a believer. These are my unbelieving children. This is my unbelieving spouse." What Job was literally doing was saying, "Lord, I am placing them in your hands, in your care, so you can make a way for them." He was not saying, "Lord, make them the Bride."

A person might say, "I keep my long hair. I do not wear pants. I do not wear makeup. I do not go to all these places. I do not do these things. These people will get eternal life, but they were not saved correctly in the first place. Then, for the legalists in a message, it has been brought up: "I do not lie. I do not steal. I do not do all these things. These people's children are lying, stealing, cheating, running with women, and drinking everywhere. They will still get eternal life."

The children of believers can lie, steal, cheat, smoke drugs, run with women, or be homosexuals, or whatever they choose to be. That is their choice. But if they sow here, and they will reap here. They are not escaping the results now. You should not try to tell God what justice is. You should not try to tell God what He should do or not do. They will sow here, and they will reap here.

As believing parents, you must decide in your heart that these things might harm them or cause them to suffer, but you will not lose them on the other side. Therefore, let them suffer! You have spoken to them. They are going against your prayer. We do not know what will happen.

If they could kill Abel, there was no limit to who else they would kill. But He knew He was going to lose Adam and Eve forever. He knew they killed Abel. He did not stop them. But Abel was not truly lost. Abel's life cried out to God. He was still with God. God knows you will have him. He can bring him back. Nothing is temporary. Nothing is permanent. The only thing that is permanent is what God makes permanent.

Abraham said, "I am going to kill my child because I know that is not permanent." God brought him back from the dead. God can bring him back again. That is how you must think as a believer. As Abraham's descendant. As a child of God. That is how God thought in the garden. God will make a way for them.

They can go out there and do what they want to do, live how they want to live, and act how they want to act. They will never listen to you, and they enjoy it. Remember, sowing is enjoying; reaping is crying. Remember, when they were sowing those sins and everything else, they were not crying, so you were not crying. You were not bothered. But when they are reaping, and they are crying, and they are hurting, and they are in pain, and they are suffering, and they are tormented, we must consider what will happen to you. It is better to ask for permanent deliverance, which often comes after their death in the second resurrection. Temporary deliverance only restores their health. They go back to doing what they were doing, so you can cry again. You are praying for your children. You must ask yourself why you are praying for them. You say, "I love them. I do not want them to suffer." But if you heal them, they will go and do something worse. They will suffer greater, sometimes even losing an eye, ear, hair, foot, or arm. They might even go to prison or face serious consequences. Job wanted his children delivered. He wanted them delivered.

We have been commanded to pray for one another and to offer up our loved ones to God so that He will deliver them. They might be part of the bride later in time. God can save them. We do not know when God will save, how He will save, or where He will save. It could be the second resurrection. It could be on their deathbed. We do not know when or how or where. We just offer it up and leave it there. Job kept his mind on God. If you do not keep your mind on God, you will keep your eye on what they are doing, what they are saying, how they are living, and how they act. Do not do that. Job offered the sin offering in God, in case they had sinned.

Maybe that approach was in the New Testament. People say, "Oh, that was in the Old Testament." The Prophet says, "Certainly. Yes, certainly." If I get saved in my house, I should leave my house, unless you have to. I would say right here, Paul told the jailer in Philippi, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus, and your household shall be saved.**" Paul did not say in which resurrection they would be saved. Paul did not say how they would be saved. Paul did not say on what basis they would be saved.

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E-36 Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything... And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job. Amen. I like that word, a purge.

The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. The trouble of it is, we think sometimes God's angry with us. But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials. The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold.

The approach Job used is still valid today. Paul told the Philippian jailer, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thy household shall be saved**" (Acts 16:31). Paul did not say when, how, on what grounds, or in which resurrection they would be saved. Paul also states in 1 Corinthians 7:14:

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

The sanctified wife sanctifies the unbelieving husband. This concept is tied directly to Job's approach for his children. The principle that one believer in the household causes the entire household to be set apart is true. You cannot separate the concept of a believing parent covering an unbelieving spouse or unbelieving children if one is true, the other is true.

The believer's focus must be on making the approach, offering the token of faith, and leaving the way and time of salvation to God. Salvation is far and wide-reaching. It is not a narrow thing, even though only the elect is called into a "slice" of salvation. The Bride possesses eternal life as a possession. But God can grant eternal life to others, not as a possession, but as a grant.

We can compare this to a vine. Let the orange be the Bride, where the orange root, branch, and fruit all have orange life. God can graft in a grapefruit branch into the orange. The grapefruit branch lives off the life of the orange, but it produces a grapefruit, which we can call the foolish virgin. It is related, but it does not possess eternal life; it is only living off of it, and it will never produce a Bride life. God can go further and graft in a branch called "good for the Bride," like a tangerine. The tangerine branch lives off the orange life, but it does not possess eternal life. This section of the book can be grafted in during the Second Resurrection.

It is wrong to think that our sacrifices (following message standards) mean that others who do not follow them should be lost. This type of thinking reveals that one has not proved salvation correctly, and one has never been delivered from fear. We are Bride because of who we are, not because of what we do.

Believing parents must realize that their unbelieving children will sin and will continue to sin, and they will reap what they sow in this life. Your unbelieving children will suffer here on Earth. This suffering does not change the fact that they are set apart for a different judgment because of the believing parent. This condition of the book will never change. We must not be surprised when our unbelieving children suffer because they are sowing and reaping. It is better to ask for permanent deliverance, which often comes after death in the Second Resurrection. A temporary deliverance only returns them to health so they can go back to their sinful life, which might lead to greater suffering later. The suffering of the unbelieving child does not change their connection to the believing parent. This is hard to swallow, but it must be understood: once they die and have a believing parent, they are set apart for judgment differently, regardless of their sins (even if they were sodomites or transvestites). God is greater than sin. The grounds on which God can save unbelieving family members is not based on their faith or their goodness. It is based on **ownership, not relationship.**

The trait of fatherhood or parenthood that causes you to desire eternal life for your children comes from God. God cannot dishonour that trait when He desires the same for you, and He made a sacrifice for you through Christ. You are reflecting God by having those traits. We have irrefutable proof that Jesus paid the purchase price of the whole world. Therefore, He can do as He wills with His own. He bought every sinner, including Hitler and Judas, and can do whatever He wants with them. This is the basis of His power, according to [Romans 14:7-9](#). **"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living."** This refers to ownership, not relationship. He is Lord of the living and the dead because He owns them. He can give eternal life to multitudes who are not born again. They receive this life because they were kind to His brethren the people of God and showed love for them. Brother Branham was told by a voice, **"All that you ever loved and all that ever love you, God has given to you"**. This includes family members. They are guarded and will meet God because of their connection to a believer. This truth brings rest and liberty to believing parents. Even a dog and a horse can be connected to the saved man, showing that what is connected to you concerns God.

Living with unbelieving family members can be stressful. We must use wisdom and understand that there must be **relationship limits** with our unbelieving adult children.

1. **Do not preach at every visit.** Every visit is not an opportunity to preach the message again. They have heard it all. Give it to God and water it with prayer and thanksgiving. Quoting the message or reminding them you are praying is a great temptation, but it does no good.
2. **Respect their choice but demand respect for your home.** Parents must respect their adult children's desire not to hear about the message or live it. In turn, the children must respect the parents by leaving their worldly lifestyle outside the home when they visit.
3. **Set clear financial limits.** Parents must clearly state that they cannot finance a sinful lifestyle.
4. **Communicate openly.** When children are younger, have a heart-to-heart talk with them. Explain your love and your fear that the choices they are sowing will bring them harvests of suffering, pain, and trouble. Record this conversation so you are covered.
5. **Avoid conflicts.** Make boundaries about conversation subjects that must be avoided. This prevents flare-ups or inner shutdowns.

6. **Persevere in Prayer.** Continue to pray for unbelieving children year after year, even if there is no evidence of change. Prayer is your only place of power. It changes things, whether here or over there.
7. **Salvation is from the Lord.** Salvation is not the result of good or bad parenting. You cannot save them, and you must not put the burden of being your child's saviour on your shoulders. Trust salvation to God.
8. **Reject Parenting Idolatry.** God may be allowing your child's rebellion to teach you to let go of parent idolatry. You must love God more than your family to be His disciple (**Matthew 10:34**). God will have no other gods before Him.
9. **Anchor your hope.** Anchor your hope and joy in Christ alone. If your hope is in your children, your emotions will be a constant rollercoaster.
10. **Be like the father of the prodigal son.** Do not make a bad situation worse. The father simply let the son go to sin, but he was ready with the ring for his return, whether here or over there.
11. **Maintain Connection.** Be friendly and loving but not compromising. Your wisdom is used to keep the channels open so you can continue to pray for them.

Never stop interceding and never believe that all hope is lost. There is only one unforgivable sin. Everything else adultery, sodomy, lying, or stealing is not the unforgivable sin. If you focus on this, you have hope that all connected to you have a plan of God for them. This trust leaves you free to pray and hope for your children from a place of faith instead of a place of fear. God loves us in such a way that He loves who we love.

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Comparing Approaches for Family Salvation

 THE HUMAN APPROACH	 THE FAITH APPROACH (THE JOB MODEL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotional manipulation and threats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent intercessory prayer and faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constant preaching and arguing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respecting agency while upholding home standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivation rooted in fear and pride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivation rooted in God's mercy and ownership

PRACTICAL BOUNDARIES & SPIRITUAL REST

Rejecting "Parenting Idolatry"

Avoid putting a child's sinful desires or worldly needs above God's Word and house rules.



Establish "My Roof, God's Rules"

Respect their agency to leave, but require respect for biblical standards within your home.



The "Prodigal Father" Strategy

Maintain loving connections and keep communication channels open without preaching at every visit.



