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Sometimes we simply ‘don’t get it right.’ David sinned by taking the wife of Uriah, one of David’s trusted warriors (2 Samuel 11). Even though the first son born to David and Uriah’s widow died, God had mercy when David confessed his sin. God allowed Bathsheba to become pregnant again. This time, “The Lord loved the child and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means ‘beloved of the LORD’)”... and from among all of David’s sons, the Lord said: “Your son Solomon will build my Temple and its courtyards, for I have chosen him as my son, and I will be his father” (2 Samuel 12:24-25, 1 Chronicles 28:6).

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2. King Hiram of Tyre said of Solomon, “Praise the LORD for giving David a wise son to be king of the great nation of Israel” (v7). What makes a person wise? What is one of the wisest things you can teach your children?

While we know that ‘helicopter’ parenting isn’t the best thing for our children in the long run, we should *be present* as best we can while we have them around. Kids grow up quick. The Bible says we are to be teaching the ways of the Lord all the time: “Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up” (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Even though David had a kingdom to run, he must have spent some time with this son, for later Solomon would write: “My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don’t neglect your mother’s instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck” (Proverbs 1:8-9). Upon his deathbed, King David called for Solomon and charged him with a special message.

Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

3. We all make mistakes along the way. But consider the over-arching goal for your children, family. How have you seen God turn pain around for good? How can we help one another keep moving forward when there are set-backs?

There is no way to capture every single moment with your children, but we can entrust each day to the Lord. Be open to the Holy Spirit, and know that sometimes the Lord’s promptings may seem like ‘interruptions’ to your agenda. But be open. Wisdom comes from the One who ‘holds all creation together’ (Colossians 1:17b). For our benefit, Christ was made ‘to be wisdom itself’—close by reading I Corinthians 1:30. At first, Solomon *wisely* asked for wisdom to lead well. But later, his heart was led away from God. If you are in need of realignment, ask Christ to make you right with God—to make you pure, holy, and free from sin. Pray now.

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