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“CHILDREN - A BURDEN OR A BLESSING?”

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.” (Psalm 127:1)

“Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.” (Psalm 127:3)

“God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant.” (Genesis 30:18)

“He will bless the fruit of your womb.” (Deuteronomy 7:13)

“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (Matthew 18:5-7)

“For 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. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” (Psalm 139:13-16)

I. How important children are to God

A. The whole **plan** of salvation depends on Abraham and Sarah giving birth to a son—Isaac.

B. Jacob’s sons become the **founders** of the tribes of Israel.

1. The whole point of the book of Ruth is the birth of Obed, **ancestor** of David and Jesus.
2. God **spoke** through the boy Samuel because the adults had failed.
3. Though David was just a **boy**, God used him to rout the Philistines.
4. Elijah brought a widow’s son to **life**—and so did Elisha.
5. Josiah became king of Judah when he was only **eight** years old.
6. Jeremiah was chosen by God before he was born.

“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.” (Matthew 1:18-19)

“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she had given birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.” (Matthew 1:24-25)

II. 5 Keys for Transforming Our Kids into Spiritual Champions

A. Help Kids Grasp Their Purpose.

1. Establish a **Biblical** worldview,
2. Teaching them about their uniqueness and value as a **child** of God.
3. Reevaluating the definition of **success**.

B. Fan the Flames of Passion.

C. Strengthen Kids’ Perseverance.

*“Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”
Timothy 3:12*

D. Help Kids Tap into the Power Source.

E. Point Kids to True, Lasting Pleasure.

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
(Matthew 10:39)*