

# PARENTING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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# WHERE IS OUR NATION?

Unemployment

National Debt

Homosexuality

Abortion

Parent's Rights

Crowded Jails

Evolution

Violent Crime

Child Abuse

Wars

Definition of

Divorce

Marriage

# WHAT ABOUT CHURCHES?



# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

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❖ “It’s the economy stupid!”

+ James Caville, Campaign Manager for Bill Clinton’s  
1992 campaign for the White House

**REALLY?**

# THE SOLUTION

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- ❖ **Psalm 33:12** - “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!”
- ❖ **Malachi 4:4-6** - “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.””





# PRESSING THE “RESET” BUTTON

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

**-Romans 12:2**

# FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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- ❖ **Malachi 1:11** - *“For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.”*
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 10:31** - *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

**This broad statement includes everything in the Christian life, including how you raise your children!**

# GLORY AND GLORIFYING

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- ❖ Glory – heavy, weighty, honorable, worthy of respect and praise
- ❖ Gravitas – weight, seriousness, dignity, importance

# GLORY AND GLORIFYING



Mawwage is what bwings us  
togevvah today

# GLORY AND GLORIFYING



**GOD'S GLORY RADIATES FROM  
THE SUM OF HIS PERFECTIONS**

# GLORY AND GLORIFYING

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- ❖ **Exodus 34:29** - Why did Moses' face shine?
- ❖ **Exodus 33:18-20; 34:5-8**

Moses was set aglow by  
His encounter with God's glory

- ❖ To glorify God is to experience His excellencies and radiate them in heart, in word and in deed
- ❖ *“God is most fully glorified in me when I am most fully satisfied in Him”* – John Piper

# GLORY AND GLORIFYING

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- ❖ The indestructible connection between loving and glorifying God
  - + John 15:8–10 - “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”

**Loving God brings glory to God**

# HOPE FOR A NATION

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- ❖ **Deuteronomy 6:1-15** – A charge to the parents of the nation of Israel
  - + **v1-3** - The fate of a nation hung upon their proper understanding and adherence to the truth God was revealing to them.
  - + **v4** - “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!” – predicated upon Deuteronomy 5:22-24
  - + **v5-6** - The path to parenting for the glory of God:  
**You must know and love Him with your entire being!**



# HOPE FOR A NATION

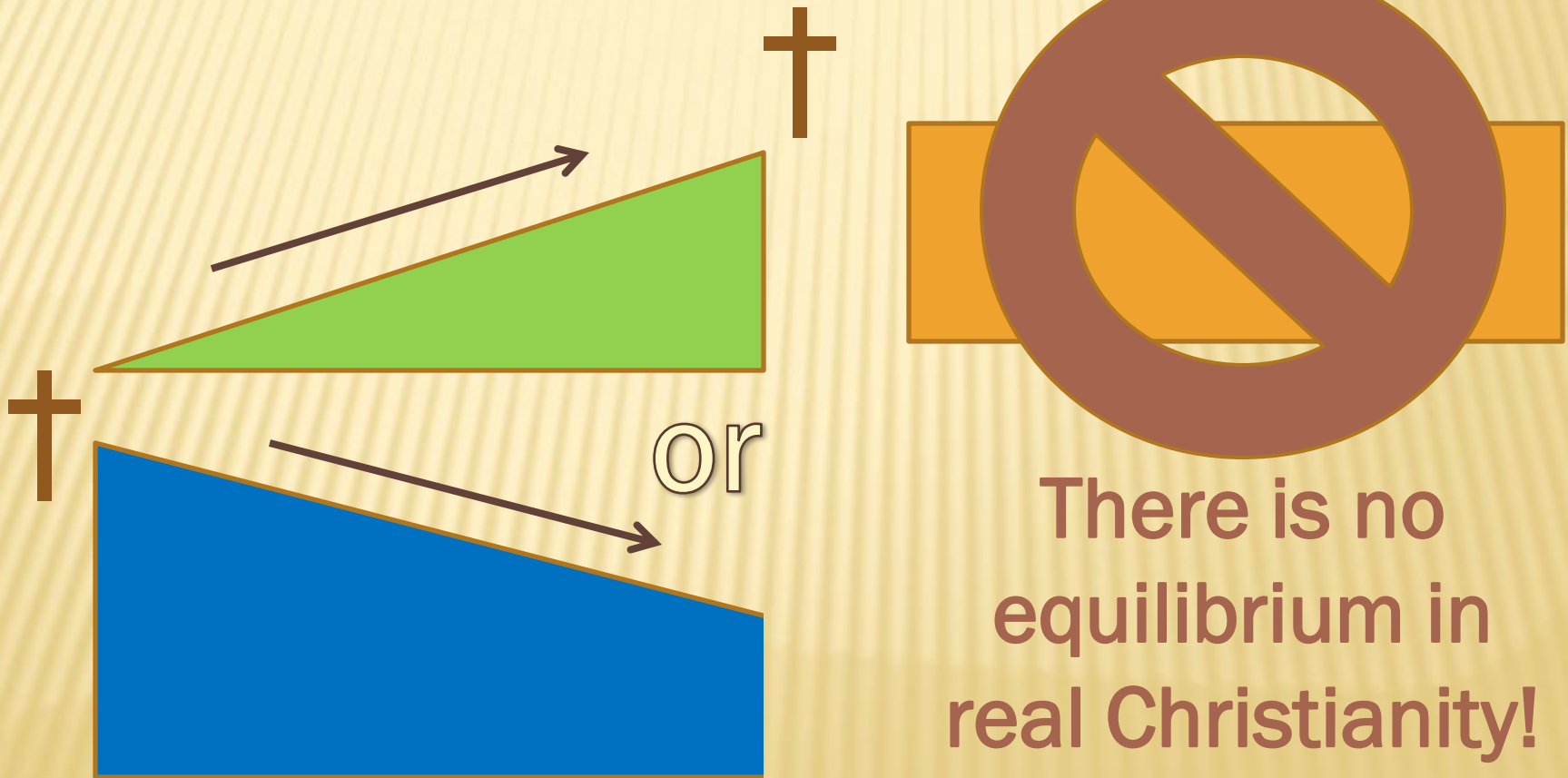
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## ❖ The Christian Ramp

- + **Romans 8:28–29** - “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”
- + good - Making you more like Christ

# HOPE FOR A NATION

## ❖ The Christian Ramp (continued)



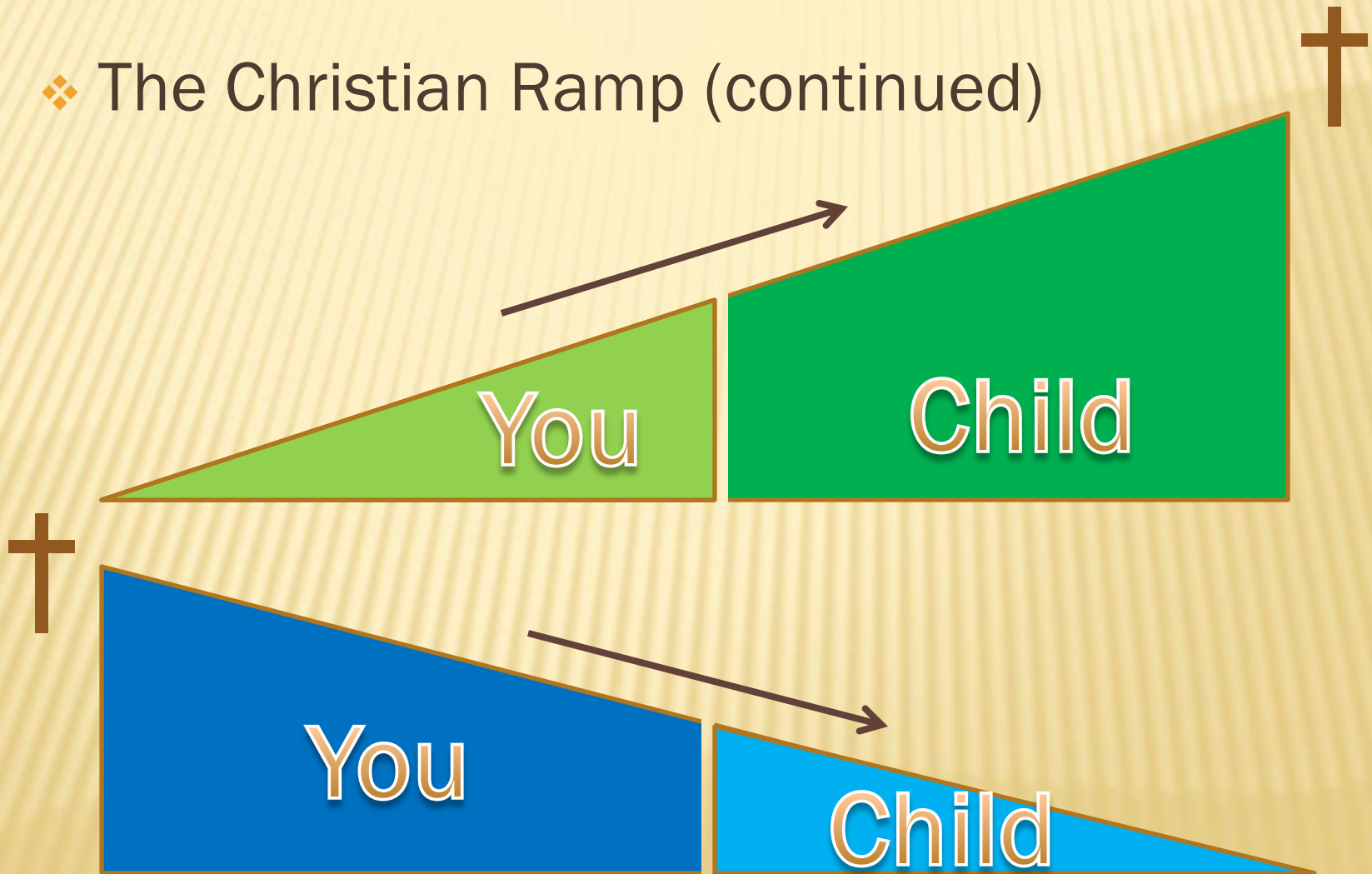
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- ❖ The Christian Ramp (continued)
  - + **Proverbs 22:6** - *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*
  - + Recognize that Proverbs speaks in generalities  
*Just because there are exceptions, don't forget that most of us will end up with the majority!*
  - + How do we apply this to parenting?

# HOPE FOR A NATION

## ❖ The Christian Ramp (continued)



# A SERIOUS WARNING

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## ❖ Deuteronomy 6:1-15 (continued)

+ v7-9 – *TOMORROW*

+ v10-15 – Beware of Blessing

- When does blessing become a curse?
  - ✦ When it becomes more important than the Blessor
- The danger was that their attention would be diverted from God by their blessings!

# A SERIOUS WARNING

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## ❖ Compare:

- + Moses' response to God's glory (**Deut. 5:22-27**)
- + Israel's response to God's glory (**Judges 2:6-10**)

## ❖ Who paid the price?

- + Their children and their grandchildren

*Humans have the uncanny ability to make an idol out of anything.*

*The challenge to parenting is not our inability or lack of knowledge (God can make up for that); it is that we will fall into idolatry and neglect our God, thereby neglecting the true needs of our children.*