



Parent Resources

Life. Together.

Families! I have a bit of a challenge for you. When babies turn to toddlers and toddlers to preschoolers, they go everywhere with you, if you choose to take them. To make dinner, the grocery, a late run to the office, the hardware store, to fix the car, to buy your wife flowers, to mow the neighbor's lawn, maybe even into the bathroom. They are programmed to do life with you.

It looks different, but teenagers are still craving life together. Whether or not they recognize it themselves, they're desperate for life together. We are called to be our brother and sister's keeper. We are called to even more with our own children.

Doing life together is doing life right.

Now I know that's a little ambiguous, if not a catchy, phrase. But hear me on this.

How did Jesus do all of his ministry? Jesus did ministry through deep relationships. He took his disciples fishing. He took them to raise the dead. He took them to pray. He took them to cast out demons. He took them to wash feet. He took them into the storms. He took them to eat meals with sinners. He took them to his healings. He took them to walk on water for goodness sake! He also took them to his death. And when he rose and appeared to them before ascending to heaven, he released world changers and history makers, authors and martyrs, church planters and miracle conduits.

Jesus was the world's hero, it's Savior. He showed us how to do life right.

How are doing life together right now? It will never look the same in each season. It will never look the same from family to family. I challenge you to make a life together covenant for your family, at the very least for your own bedroom or closet door.

It might be one sentence that reminds you of how you want to live together. It might be sprinkled with several Scripture verses that point you back to Truth. But right now, in this moment, make your own family Life Together Covenant to commit to living life as Jesus did with his disciples: in deep, authentic and real relationship.

Because we know this to be true: *Doing life together is doing life right.*