

Family Devotions: Joy vs. Drudgery

Have you ever expected your unregenerate children to act like believing adults? Have you ever been so rigid in your family devotional time that you made it drudgery instead of a joy to talk about Jesus together?

The gospel is supposed to be good news.

Family devotions are a good thing. They can be a means of grace to your entire family, but often we turn them into an idol. We get some idea in our head about how devotions are supposed to look, and we won't budge an inch from getting that picture exactly right.

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Instead, think outside the box. There is no perfect way to spend time talking about Jesus. You could do family devotions while driving somewhere; let the little ones take turns reading. You can talk about Jesus when you are walking through Walmart, or when you put the kids to bed, or through the door as you are trying to go to the bathroom. Let go of all of your religious ideals when it comes to how devotions should look. The Holy Spirit works even in the midst of everyday craziness. Here is some good news for you if you found yourself uncomfortably laughing at yourself: God is strong enough to take all of your failures and all of your weaknesses, and he can still draw your children to himself.