

**[MESSAGE NOTES]**

True North: A Journey through 1 Corinthians  
**Week 6 — *Spiritual Parenting* (1 Cor. 4:11-21)**

**Message Notes:**

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

We are all at least partially products of the people who raised us. For example, I (Samuel) inherited my Dad's nerdiness and love for all things Sci-Fi. ***What is one of the best things that you've picked up from those who raised you? Or perhaps even your closest friends?***

**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

This week we focused on the idea of “spiritual” parenting, the role of leaders, and the difference between power and authority. Anyone who has raised children or invested in younger believers knows that correction and discipline as well as love and grace are necessary companions on the journey. ***Which do you think are more important—correction and discipline or love and grace?***

In the Kingdom of God, discipleship to King Jesus, and even in biological and spiritual parenting, both correction and discipline ***can be forms of*** love and grace. Part of maturing in Christ is being willing to take correction and have a willingness to repent. **Read the following Scriptures. *What is the calling of Christians to God, one another, and to their leaders?***

**James 4:7**

**Philippians 2:3**

**Hebrews 11:7**

While not a popular word, *submission* is close to the heart of the Christian way of life. In fact, proclaiming Jesus as Lord and King is declaring just that—Jesus is King and Master and not myself and therefore I *submit* my life to Him. However, we live in an age where *submission* and *authority* are deemed as dangerous words. But submission in the Kingdom of God looks much different than the broken ways of the World. **Read Philippians 2 and answer the following questions...**

- *What does this passage reveal about true power and authority?*
- *What might this passage suggest Christlike leadership looks like?*
- *What does this passage have to say about obedience, submission, and humility?*

As you go about life this week, consider these questions:

- 1. How might you *practically* choose to walk more deeply in obedience, submission, and humility before God and others this week?**
- 2. What step could you take to become someone who is worth following?**
- 3. How can you support and encourage those in roles of leadership who are clearly imitating the leadership of Christ?**

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**[WEEKLY READINGS]**

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message.

**1 Corinthians 4**

**Hebrews 12**

**1 Samuel 1**

**Colossians 1**