

Scroggins and Shields
FBC and Family Church
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MILESTONES #4 – LAUNCH

REVIEW:

1. God's DESIGN is for kids to be raised in FAMILIES.
2. Children need to be TAUGHT about God.
3. Parents are RESPONSIBLE to teach their kids to KNOW and LOVE God.

Genesis 1:28; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Romans 12:1-12

Critical Concepts to Prepare Kids and Families to “Launch”:

1. RELATIONSHIPS (v. 1) – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers”

- St. Paul uses family language frequently in his letters.
(Over 100 times, including Romans 1:13; 7:1, 7:4; 8:12; 10:1; 11:25; 12:1; 15:14, 15:30; and 16:17)
- “Get in the game” with kids.
- “Stay in the game” with kids.

2. GRACE (v.1) – “by the mercies of God”

- “Therefore” refers to the gospel that has been explained in Romans 3-11.
- **Romans 3:23-24, Romans 5:6-8**
- Grace should define and dominate our hearts and our homes.

“The Gospel”

- Jesus DIED on the cross for our sins.
- He was BURIED.
- God RAISED HIM from the dead.

“Salvation”

- by GRACE alone
- through FAITH alone
- in CHRIST alone

3. CHOICE (v. 1) - “present your bodies as a living sacrifice”

- Every child (and every person) has to choose what to do about Jesus.
- Joshua 24:15
- John 3:1

4. HEART (v. 2) – “renewal of your mind”

- Heart and mind are synonyms, referring to the deepest part of who we are; the inner man.
- It’s about the HEART, not BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.

5. GOD’S WILL (v. 2) - “discern what is the will of God”

- It’s not just “who will they marry?” or “where will they go to college” or “where will they work?”
- We want our kids to yield to the work of God in their hearts, and seek the will of God for their lives.

Psalm 127:4 - “Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior”