



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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GOD'S CALL TO PARENTS
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1. God is calling me to _____ louder.

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (NLT)

- **Loving louder looks like _____.**
- **Loving louder looks like providing a _____.**
- **Loving louder looks like _____.**

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2. God is calling me to _____ louder.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Deuteronomy 6:5-8 (NIV)

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1. God is calling me to LOVE louder.

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- **Loving louder looks like AFFECTION.**
- **Loving louder looks like providing a SAFE PLACE.**
- **Loving louder looks like DELICATE DISCIPLINE.**

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- **We live louder by setting the EXAMPLE and establishing the PRIORITIES.**



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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CONNEC9

Share a lighthearted story about a time that you or your parents got it wrong. This could be a rule, a decision or a punishment that was handed down. Remember to keep it fun and lighthearted.

ENGAGE

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

GROW

1. Now more than ever, our world is very loud. Parents are faced with so many influences that are jockeying for attention. Talk about some of the challenges that you or your parents faced raising children. Can you understand why parents might feel overwhelmed? What hope do parents have?
2. The message made the statement that God is calling us to be louder than the world. Do you agree with that statement? Is this something that is feasible?
3. Showing affection to our children is something that is constantly changing. Talk about the struggles that parents face as their kids get older. How do parents adapt? What can parents do to press in when kids are pushing back?
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-8
 - In your own words, what is this verse calling parents to? Talk about the heavy responsibility that comes with that call?
 - The parent is called to set the example and establish the priority. In a loud world, this is easier said than done. Talk about some tools, attitudes or resources parents might have to help them mold and shape their children.

CHALLENGE

Sometime this week, take an inventory of your parenting style. Are there areas that need improvement? What can you do to adjust in those areas? Would asking for help or resources be beneficial? If you're not a parent, what example are you setting for the eyes that are watching you? How can you involve your church community in supporting your marriage?