



Unleashing Hope in My Family

March 9-10, 2019

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Know the difference between motivation and direction and when and how to use each.

Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives. Proverbs 19:18 (NLT2)

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. Colossians 3:21

Reveal hope.

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Model hope.

Luke 15:11-32

Talk It Over with your LifeGroup and accountability partner...

What is hope and why is it important for kids to have it?

How much hope was given to you growing up? How did that affect you in your life?

Read Luke 15:11-32. Although called "The Prodigal Son," it should be called the "Prodigal Father." Talk about each character in the story.

Talk about the father. What was going through his mind? How do you think he maintained hope?

Talk about the son. What was his hope?

What is one thing we can bring to our families to help build hope?

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