

# LITTLE ONES

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**Exodus 10:1-11 NIV** <sup>1</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Return to Pharaoh and make your demands again. I have made him and his officials stubborn so I can display my miraculous signs among them. <sup>2</sup> I’ve also done it so you can tell your children and grandchildren about how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and about the signs I displayed among them—and so you will know that I am the Lord.” <sup>3</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: How long will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go, so they can worship me. <sup>4</sup> If you refuse, watch out! For tomorrow I will bring a swarm of locusts on your country. <sup>5</sup> They will cover the land so that you won’t be able to see the ground. They will devour what little is left of your crops after the hailstorm, including all the trees growing in the fields. <sup>6</sup> They will overrun your palaces and the homes of your officials and all the houses in Egypt. Never in the history of Egypt have your ancestors seen a plague like this one!” And with that, Moses turned and left Pharaoh. <sup>7</sup> Pharaoh’s officials now came to Pharaoh and appealed to him. “How long will you let this man hold us hostage? Let the men go to worship the Lord their God! Don’t you realize that Egypt lies in ruins?” <sup>8</sup> So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “All right,” he told them, “go and worship the Lord your God. But who exactly will be going with you?” <sup>9</sup> Moses replied, “We will all go—young and old, our sons and daughters, and our flocks and herds. We must all join together in celebrating a festival to the Lord.” <sup>10</sup> Pharaoh retorted, “The Lord will certainly need to be with you if I let you take your little ones! I can see through your evil plan. <sup>11</sup> Never! Only the men may go and worship the Lord, since that is what you requested.” And Pharaoh threw them out of the palace.

**Central Truth:** God is about to do an unbelievably powerful thing among our children. A new hedge will go up around the children of the land, and God’s great purposes shall be seen in them. His Spirit shall fall upon them, and they will become the generation that ultimately fulfills Revelation 12.

## I. The plan of the enemy has been the destruction of children since the earliest days (Genesis 3:15).

- A. He has a hatred of the “seed of the woman.”
  
- B. There are physical attempts to destroy our children.
  - 1. The sacrifice of the boy babies of Israel during Egyptian bondage.
  
  - 2. The child sacrifice to Moloch
  
  - 3. The slaughter of the innocents in Bethlehem
  
  - 4. Various seasons of infanticide

## 5. Modern Abortion

### C. There are non-physical attempts to destroy our children.

1. Spiritual desecration under the tutelage of Ahab and Jezebel.
2. Social desecration under Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel - “change your name, your lifestyle, and embrace new gods. Embrace a new social order.”).

## II. We must contend for our children.

### A. Like Pharaoh, the enemy will make demands and try to negotiate concerning our children.

### B. Most of us would be willing to die for our children, but we are called to live for our children.

### C. Each child’s need is unique. So the battle we wage for them will also be unique. (Train them in the way they should go.)

### D. God’s intent is to partner with parents and grandparents in order to build Godly Generations.

1. **Exodus 3:6 NIV** <sup>6</sup>Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”
2. **Exodus 10:2 NIV** <sup>2</sup>...tell your children and grandchildren about how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and about the signs I displayed among them—and so you will know that I am the Lord.”
3. **Exodus 12:25-27 NIV** <sup>25</sup> When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. <sup>26</sup> And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ <sup>27</sup> then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped.
4. **Deuteronomy 4:9 NIV** <sup>9</sup>“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. <sup>10</sup> Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.”

## **E. God has a destiny for our children.**

1. **Deuteronomy 1:38-40 NIV** <sup>38</sup> Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it. <sup>39</sup> Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it. <sup>40</sup> But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.'
2. **Deuteronomy 4:40 NIV** <sup>40</sup> Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time.

## **F. God has promised to join us in the fight for our children.**

1. **Deuteronomy 11:18-23 NIV** <sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. <sup>22</sup> If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him and to hold fast to him— <sup>23</sup> then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you.
2. **Revelation 12:1-5 NIV** <sup>1</sup> A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. <sup>4</sup> Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

## **G. A daily plan to start with:**

1. The Favor of God
2. The Covering of Jesus' Blood
3. The Fullness of the Spirit and Full Faith

4. Angelic Intervention
5. Special needs

## **H. A weekly plan to grow with**

### **1. A Life of Wisdom**

**Ephesians 1:17 NASB** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

### **2. A Life Under God's Protection**

B.L.E.S.S.

- Bodies
- Labor and/or Learning (school, work, hobbies, etc.)
- Emotions
- Social Relationships
- Spiritual matters

### **3. A Life Experiencing God's Favor**

### **4. A Spirit-Filled Life**

- a. A Double Portion
- b. The Samuel Moment
- c. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

### **5. An Understanding Of My Life Assignment**

- a. The general call as a Christian
- b. Service and fellowship in the local body
- c. Vocational wisdom

### **6. To Find The Right Mate**

- a. A helper suited
- b. True Love
- c. Spirit, Soul, and Body Connection

## 7. **A Lifestyle That Pleases God**

- a. Jesus Model
- b. The Acts 4 Principle
- c. A Biblical World View

## 8. **A Life that Understands The Father's Love**

- a. **John 3:16 NASB** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- b. There is nothing I can do that will make Him love me more.
- c. There is nothing I can do that will make Him love me less.

### **III. A place of contemplation**

#### **MY EIGHT WISHES**

- 1. I wish I had spent more time praying WITH THEM in addition to praying FOR THEM.
- 2. I wish I had spent more time explaining and praying with them for the fullness of The Holy Spirit.
- 3. I wish I had let them lead family devotions as they got older.
- 4. I wish I'd fought harder for them and with them against unfair expectations they faced.
- 5. I wish I'd taken more time to listen to their questions before I answered them.
- 6. I wish I'd strategically shared more of my own battles (with heavy doses of wisdom, grace and sensitivity).
- 7. I wish I'd done a better job of journaling their childhood as a record for both them and me.
- 8. I wish I had done a better job of remembering how much God Himself loves and cares for my children.