

# LIVE INTERVIEW WITH SALLY CLARKSON

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The next generation of leaders needs to be disciplined.

How are you going to whisper the secrets of the Kingdom of God into the precious ears of the children you've been entrusted?

I wasn't a natural mom, but I did love Jesus. I came into motherhood out of obedience to Christ.

Motherhood is discipleship and obedience to God.

It doesn't look like you're making a difference in the mess and fuss, but parenting gives you a soul to shape.

Parenting is a very important role that we play and we have to keep surrounding ourselves with people who remind us of its importance.

You have to see babies with human beings with capacity.

Your mentor should be Christ. He was a servant leader.

Relationship is the foundation for influence. Parenting isn't a formula.

Spend time with them and love them well.

What you do and the gentleness + patience in which you respond to them will predisposition them for the future.

Your actions are precursors to how they will feel about the truth that you try to teach them by living well.

There is no amount of wishing that will make parenting easy!

If God ordained for babies to be dependent on us, there must have been something He wanted us to understand.

God is our divine parent.

If you think that control is the goal, then you will always be disappointed.

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“Make a list of some things your children like you to do with them but aren’t necessarily fun for you— playing a board game on the floor with a young child, going outside to throw a ball, sitting down with a child to read his or her creative story or to look at an artistic creation, and so on. Commit to saying yes to their requests instead of no, knowing that if you invest in what is important to them, they will be open to believing in what is important to you.” — **Mission of Motherhood**

Discipleship = ponder how best to love them.

A servant means you do it because it helps the other person, not necessarily because it's something you'd normally do.

“I always wanted to be a hero--to sacrifice my life in a big way one time--and yet, God has required my sacrifice to be thousands of days, over many years, with one more kiss, one more story, one more meal.”  
— **Desperate**

God is very slow about the people that he uses. God builds integrity over time. The person you are over time is building your long-term integrity.

Everyday moments are my services of worship.

If life in your home is only a correction and a discipline, you will lose their hearts.

“The most important gift you can give your child is to help them begin a walk of faith with the God of the universe. From the moment your children arrive in your home, you are teaching them how to see the world, what to consider important, what to seek, what to love. As a mother, you have the opportunity to form your home and family life in such a way that God’s reality comes alive to your children each day.” — **10 Gifts of Wisdom: What Every Child Must Know Before They Leave Home**

You can’t pass on what you don’t have. Find a way to be growing in your walk with the Lord.

My children fell in love with the God who lived inside our home.

God is dimensional. Your children are also dimensional. To celebrate His reality is to enjoy life “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

“Although our culture seems to worship being busy, constant activity will slowly undermine our perspective on life and kill our souls.” — **Own Your Life**

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You have a long time to leave a legacy.

When you're on, you have to be on.

Your children need to feel like they are a priority to you.

You can't be a hypocritical parent. You can't tell your children they are important to you and then ignore them.

You can't go back to win the hearts of your children.

Choices have consequences. You're living your integrity every single day.

Family time does not equal rest time.

You have more capacity than you think.

Cultivate joy.

You can develop a mindset that is productive and fruitful.

God made us to be people of relationship.

Cultivate relationship with wise people. Find people who are faithful to hit the ball back in your court. Find people who call you to godliness.

"Woe to the one who has no one to pick him up." You have to make time for that.

Some friendships last, some don't.

A task to be done is not always something we need to do. - MM

Social arenas are false worlds.

The public arena is a fickle boyfriend.

New book coming in August: *Awaking Wonder: Opening Your Child's Heart to the Beauty of Learning.*