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It's Okay for Your Kids to Fail

How do we teach our kids how to deal with mistakes correctly?

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I think Christians may have a harder time dealing with mistakes than non-believers. Some of my friends who aren't Christians have tremendous relationships with their kids. They have a great rapport with them, in part because they have a basic acceptance of their humanity, an understanding of their own innate weaknesses. That seems easier for nonbelievers to accept.

As Christians, we have very high standards for our kids, and perhaps rightly so. But that can also make us more intolerant of mistakes than we should be. When we aim for perfection, an inherently impossible standard to reach, we run the danger of not just encouraging our children to do better and to improve, but also of telling them they're just not good enough and they

will *never* be good enough.

But that's a *me* problem, not a *God* problem. When you look at it from God's point of view, I doubt He's looking for perfection, since He knows it's impossible for us to attain. He's looking instead for a continuously better relationship with Him. Sometimes the moments we veer off course are the exact moments we swerve closer to our Lord. Sometimes when we feel as though God is grading us with an F, we're actually getting an A. Why? Because we're getting closer to the One who made us and realizing our dependence on Him. We're depending on the payment of perfection that Jesus provided by dying for each of us.

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Youth Beat: Quick Stats

- A recent survey found that 23% of Brits admit to posting fake vacation related images on social media. (Oasis Drinks)
- A study has found that teenagers who use electronic cigarettes are 6x more likely to move on to smoking traditional tobacco filled cigarettes compared to kids who never use e-cig devices. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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TOP TEN MOVIES



Movies 10/14/2016 - 10/16/2016

Source: Box Office Mojo

	<u>Box Office Movies</u>	<u>Gross Income</u>
1	<i>The Accountant</i>	\$24.7 mil
2	<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	\$12.2 mil
3	<i>Kevin Hart: Now What?</i>	\$11.8 mil
4	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>	\$9 mil
5	<i>Deepwater Horizon</i>	\$6.4 mil
6	<i>Storks</i>	\$5.7 mil
7	<i>The Magnificent Seven</i>	\$5.2 mil
8	<i>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</i>	\$4.3 mil
9	<i>Sully</i>	\$2.9 mil
10	<i>The Birth of a Nation</i>	\$2.7 mil

Top Ten Video Games

1. FIFA 17 (PS4)
2. FIFA 17 (XOne)
3. NBA 2K17 (PS4)
4. Forza Horizon 3 (XOne)
5. NBA 2K17 (XOne)
6. Madden NFL 17 (XOne)
7. Madden NFL 17 (PS4)
8. Yokai Watch 2 Bony Spirits & Fleshy Souls (3DS)
9. FIFA 17 (X360)
10. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 (PS4)

U.S. Video Game Sales
Week Ending
October 1, 2016
Source: VGChartz

Celebrity Quotes

"I have two teenagers, and I've discovered that they will Snapchat me back, but they will not call me back. And I think it's important for people to communicate well with their children."

Actress Reese Witherspoon,
speaking about
communicating with her
children on the Today Show
, October 21, 2016.

PRAYER CENTRAL:

Things to pray about, with, and for your kids

Pray for Flipside

Pray for the youth leaders

Pray that God would bless us with more youth at youth group

Having a well rounded prayer life is important. We should let ourselves become complacent and bored in prayer. Pray for everything that you can and do it with your teen!

Verse of the Month

"He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

-Luke 10:27

The above verse was the theme verse for the Fall Retreat. It's a great reminder of what God wants from us. His Word is full of so many amazing and awesome truths. It's important to be in it individually and as a family!

Cutting Edge Music:

Lady Gaga- "Joanne"



Background: Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, known professionally as Lady Gaga, is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. She performed initially in theater, appearing in high school plays, and studied at CAP21 through New York University's Tisch School of the Arts before dropping out to pursue a musical career. After leaving a rock band, participating in the Lower East Side's avant garde performance art circuit, and

being dropped from a contract with Def Jam Recordings, Gaga worked as a songwriter for Sony/ATV Music Publishing. From there, recording artist Akon noticed her vocal abilities and helped her to sign a joint deal with Interscope Records and his own KonLive Distribution.

What Parents should know about their new album: Lady Gaga launched her career with a potent combination of earworm dance beats and outrageous media-magnet antics. But on Joanne, she mostly leaves the theatrics behind on stark songs that are more haunting than catchy, more painfully desperate than sensually provocative. Sometimes the result is a bare expression of emotion. Sometimes there seems to be a real longing for God. And at still other times, the pulverizing trials of life—sexual abuse, violence, heartbreak and desperation—simply yield wild, profane responses. There are some hard things here, too be sure. But Lady Gaga seems to be inching past hedonism for hedonism's sake, trading her early-career, Madonna-mimicking shtick for something more substantive ... if still reckless and risqué at times.

For the full write up, visit www.pluggedin.com/musicreviews. Also, visit pluggedin.com for other music reviews.

Social Media Boundaries

While technology and social media are positive in so many different ways, too much use and being constantly tethered to our devices keeps many of us so engaged with screens that we fail to focus on what really matters. . . our kids. These bad habits not only limit our face-to-face interactions with our kids, but they serve to nurture our children into assuming that they should be doing the same. In order to push back and regain a proper focus, here are some rules to enlist in your own life and home.

1. Don't engage with your smartphone as long as you are present with and/or in conversation with real flesh and blood human beings.
2. Don't bring your smartphone or screen of any kind to the table.
3. Don't sleep with your smartphone on or near your bed. Sleep. Rest. You need it.
4. Make your family room a no-smartphone zone.
5. Don't engage with your phone while driving.
6. Take a social media Sabbath. Take one day and power down.

Featured Film: Newly Released in Theater

SYNOPSIS— Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them—Opens November 18

Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Ezra Miller, Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton, Katherine Waterston

Rated PG-13--Some Fantasy/Action Violence



The highly anticipated adaptation of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter prequel, focuses on the mythical creatures of that universe, as told by Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) during his time at the Magical Congress of the United States of America.

For more information on the movie check out www.pluggedin.com under their media section

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Other Movies in Theaters

Title	Rating	Red Flags	Genre	Starring
Doctor Strange Opens Nov. 4	PG-13	An Intense Crash Sequence and Sci-Fi Violence and Action	Fantasy	Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Michael Stuhlbarg, Benedict Wong
Trolls Opens Nov. 4	PG	Some Mild Rude Humor	Family/Animated	Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Gwen Stefani, James Corden, Russell Brand
Hacksaw Ridge Opens Nov. 4	R	Graphic War Violence and Grisly Bloody Images	Action/Drama	Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Vince Vaughn, Rachel Griffiths, Hugo Weaving

Learning lessons

This doesn't mean God likes us to make mistakes or commit sins. He simply knows that we will and expects us to learn from them and not repeat those mistakes. So how do we turn our mistakes into lessons? How do we teach our kids how to deal with mistakes correctly, not flogging themselves over them, not by accepting them like they're no big deal, but by growing from them?

In my family, it begins with a talk. If you were to ask my kids what I tell them about perfection, they'd say, "Oh, he says he's not perfect. And we're not perfect." I've tried to plant that thought in their minds—that we're all works in progress in God's eyes.

There's a big difference between "not good enough" and "not perfect." When you're talking about perfection, you're talking about God's standard of measure. To understand that we're not perfect, and can never be perfect in God's eyes, develops in us a healthy understanding of reality—God's reality. We *all* fall short of God's standard of perfection.

From there, we build in the theology of the acceptance of Christ and sanctification and trying by His power to do better. We can teach our kids that, when we fail, we must turn to God and ask for forgiveness. And by extension, doing this will help us teach how important it is to apologize to the people in our lives whom we've hurt through our mistakes and shortcomings.

This understanding of our own imperfections helps us avoid the modern-day legalism that endangers so many Christians. We in the Christian community need to learn to relax a little, to realize that perfection for our kids remains out of reach. Sure, we want them to learn and grow from their mistakes all the time; we will help them see that God wants us to live every day in a way that shows we are making progress. But we have to understand, and help our kids understand, that we all fail sometimes. And that failure is okay.

Let me repeat that: It's okay for your kids to fail sometimes. Because that's often how they learn the best.

It's a tough balancing act, but it's a challenge that all dads deal with at some point—and may even have opportunities to teach several times a day.

Turning a mistake into an opportunity

I had a moment like this with my son Trent not too long ago. He lied to me about finishing his math homework. When I discovered the truth, I sat him down for a talk. We talked about why it's important to work hard in school. We talked about why lying, particularly to your father, is never appropriate. We talked about how we're made in God's image and how we need to strive to be more like Jesus every day.

I wanted to turn his mistake into an opportunity to learn and grow—not to make him feel like a failure (because he had failed) but to help him understand why it's important to do better the next time.

It took time to get to this point, to understand that mistakes are just lessons in disguise. My frustration level when my boys were

younger rose much higher than it does today. I can feel myself mellowing out. And I'm happy with that. I like it.

For me, it's all about concentrating on the things I should concentrate on. The things I can teach. The love I can show. The ability, when something bad happens, to put my arm around my child and say, "It'll be okay."

That's so important, because kids have such great fears about disappointing us or letting us down. They worry about consequences. And honestly, they may have to face big consequences for what they do. Just because we understand that kids make mistakes doesn't alleviate the importance of trying to correct those mistakes. But we should always help our children understand that, even if they get punished for something, it isn't going to separate them from our love.

Own up to your mistakes

And somehow in the middle of all that, as parents we must find a way to convey that *we're not perfect* either. Now that doesn't mean we should spill out our guts to our kids when they're 5. They don't need to hear about the time you tried pot in high school or about your sexual experiences in college. There may be a time and a place to talk with your kids about your less than God-honoring experiences, but sometimes what's in the past is better served staying there for a while.

But when it comes down to the mistakes you make today, particularly the moments you wrong your own children, it's important to confess and tell them you're sorry, just as you'd expect them to confess and apologize to you.

It's a wonderful model and an enriching moment to deal openly and honestly with your kids, to be able to say, "I'm sorry, I think I've offended you," or to ask, "Have I hurt you in some way? Have I embarrassed you? Have I in the last week made you angry?"

I know families who do this around the dinner table during a family chat. It has to be a safe environment in which kids can answer questions honestly, without fear of punishment. They teach the kids that it's safe to answer candidly and to transparently share their own feelings.

Parents need some training too. They have to resist the temptation to rationalize or correct their children. I know we feel strongly tempted to brush off a child's hurt and concerns because when we do this exercise in my own house, I feel as tempted as anyone. I want to rationalize or explain why I did this or that. It's hard to ask a really frightening question—"Have I done anything this week to offend you?"—and then just accept the answer, particularly when your kids are 12 or 13 or 14. So many things can offend kids who are that age.

It can be both hard and humbling. But it can also open the doors to an enriching honesty that'll pay huge dividends later on.

Article found at www.familylife.com

Youth Group News

Events

Movie Night- Nov. 4th- We are planning on going to the theater to see "I'm not ashamed". We will meet at the church at 6 pm. Make sure to eat something before you come. For youth who can't afford the ticket price, no worries! You are covered! If you can, awesome! The movie is just shy of 2 hours. We should be back at the church around 9:30 pm. Bring extra money for drinks and snacks.

National Youth Workers Convention- Nov. 17-20- This event is for our youth leaders. This national convention is held in different cities each year. This year is will be held in Cincinnati. Pastor Josh has been serving on the host committee this year. There are some great things planned. Be praying for the youth team as they attend and seek to grow in knowledge and relationship with our Lord!

No Youth- We will not be having youth group on Nov. 20. FFC will be having a Thanksgiving Service at 6 pm.

News

Fall Schedule- The fall schedule is available on our website-www.goffc.org/ffc youth

Lock-In-Our annual lock-in will be here before you know it! It's on January 15. The following day is Martin Luther King Day. If you are off work and would be willing to help out at the lock-in, let us know!

Dare2Share- This youth conference that teaches kids about evangelism is March 17-18. The closest one is in St. Louis, so we will be road tripping! The catch we have to leave early on Friday. Start looking ahead and praying about letting your teen miss a school day to go on this great trip to grow and stretch themselves! Cost is \$50 for the tickets, plus meal money.

On the Horizon

Christmas Party- Dec. 10th- Party starts at 6:30pm
Bring white elephant gift.

Ice Skating- Dec. 28th- Ice skating at Fountain Square. Meeting at 6 pm at FFC.

Lock-in- Jan. 15th- Overnight Lock-in with games, inflatables, food and more!

Youth Group Teaching Schedule

November 6: **Study of 1 Peter** - 1 Peter 4:1-11

November 13: **Study of 1 Peter** - 1 Peter 4:12-19

November 20: **No Youth Group**

November 27: **Study of 1 Peter** - 1 Peter 5:1-14

Youth Culture Music Artists Top Ten

All information for Radio Airplay was for the week of 10/11 from Mediabase.

Rank	Radio Airplay
1	The Chainsmokers - Closer
2	twentyonepilots - Heathens
3	DJ Snake - Let Me Love You
4	Shawn Mendes - Treat You Better
5	Major Lazer - Cold Water
6	Kiiara - Gold
7	The Weekend - Starboy
8	Daya - Sit Still, Look Pretty
9	Sia - Cheap Thrills
10	Gnash f/Olivia O'Brien - I Hate You, I Love You

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S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
		1	2	3	4 Movie Night- "I'm Not Ashamed"	5
6 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	14	15	16	17 National Youth Workers Conference	18 National Youth Workers Conference	19 National Youth Workers Conference
20 Sunday School @ 9:30 am NYWC No Youth Group	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	28	29	30			

Youth Trends: "Other Religions"

Our children and teens have been created in the image of God for a relationship with God. Sin has destroyed that relationship. Consequently, all creation groans for redemption, renewal, and restoration to that relationship. The evidence of this groaning can be seen in today's youth culture in the way that so many kids wear their spiritual search on their sleeves. Sadly, the search leads many of our spiritually broken kids to faith systems and options that are anything but biblical, true, and right. Recent research shows that a growing number of kids are pursuing the spiritual dead-end of what are known as "other religions." These are religions outside of the mainstream religions. Some of the fastest growing include Wicca, which has more than doubled since 2001, neopaganism, and other forms of the occult. We must teach our kids the truths of God's Word. What they need is not an answer, but THE answer.

Source: CPYU