



# Relationship Wisdom: Parenting Woes

## Session #1: Abraham and Ishmael

### Quote

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."  
– Charles Swindoll

### Key Scripture:

Proverbs 22:6  
(NASB95)

Train up a child  
in the way he  
should go, even  
when he is old  
he will not  
depart from it.

**Table Discussion: Who were your favorite tv families growing up? What did you like about them? Was there anything unique about them?**

### Pastor's Big Point:

Regardless of whether we are parents, we have all been parented. However, parents do not always parent perfectly. Patterns of pain can be passed down through generations unless we intentionally break the cycle. Healing comes from acknowledging these issues and making adjustments in alignment with God's purpose.



### Pastors Teaching Points:

1. An Initial Agreement
2. Aborted the Mission
3. Aimless with an Angel
4. Apology or Not

### Let's Discuss:

1. How does God parent Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael?
2. What examples of faith (or lack thereof) do you see in this narrative?
3. How does this story reflect both natural and spiritual parenting? What are the similarities and differences?