

## The Joy of Spiritual Parenting

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PHILIPPIANS *Transcendent Joy*

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### WARM UP

Share a highlight from your summer.

### COMING UP

**Communion** Sunday, September 19, 5:00 p.m., MC multipurpose room. To RSVP by September 15, visit [GracePolaris.org/Communion](https://gracepolaris.org/communion) or text “Communion” to 614-888-7733.

**Membership Class** Sunday, October 10, 4:00 p.m., MC 3. To RSVP, visit [GracePolaris.org/Membership](https://gracepolaris.org/membership) or text “Membership” to 614-888-7733.

**Baptism** Sunday, October 31, During Worship Services. Learn more and register by Sunday, October 17, at [GracePolaris.org/Baptism](https://gracepolaris.org/baptism) or text “Baptism” to 614-888-7733.

### WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus? Share any progress or updates.
- Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

### EXPLORE

- 1 What is unique about how a parent views their child(ren) compared to how they view anyone else? Why is this?
- 2 How can children bring their parents delight and cause them joy? How is this also true of spiritual children — those whom you are investing in their spiritual maturity?
- 3 Who are the individuals you are praying for to grow spiritually? Who are people in whom you are personally making spiritual investments (1:3-5)?
- 4 What difference does it make knowing that God will complete His good work in us (1:6)?
- 5 Describe how you think the Philippians felt upon hearing Paul’s words in verses seven and eight. Have you ever heard something similar from your physical parents or a spiritual mentor? Explain.
- 6 What are several issues in your life where you need discernment to know what is best for your spiritual growth? What are some areas our church can grow spiritually through discernment (1:9,10)?
- 7 What does Paul mean by “love that abounds more and more?” What are some practical evidences of this kind of love in a local church?

### PRAY

Read Galatians 5:22,23 for a description of the fruit that gives evidence of righteousness. Pray for an increase of this “fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ” in your life.