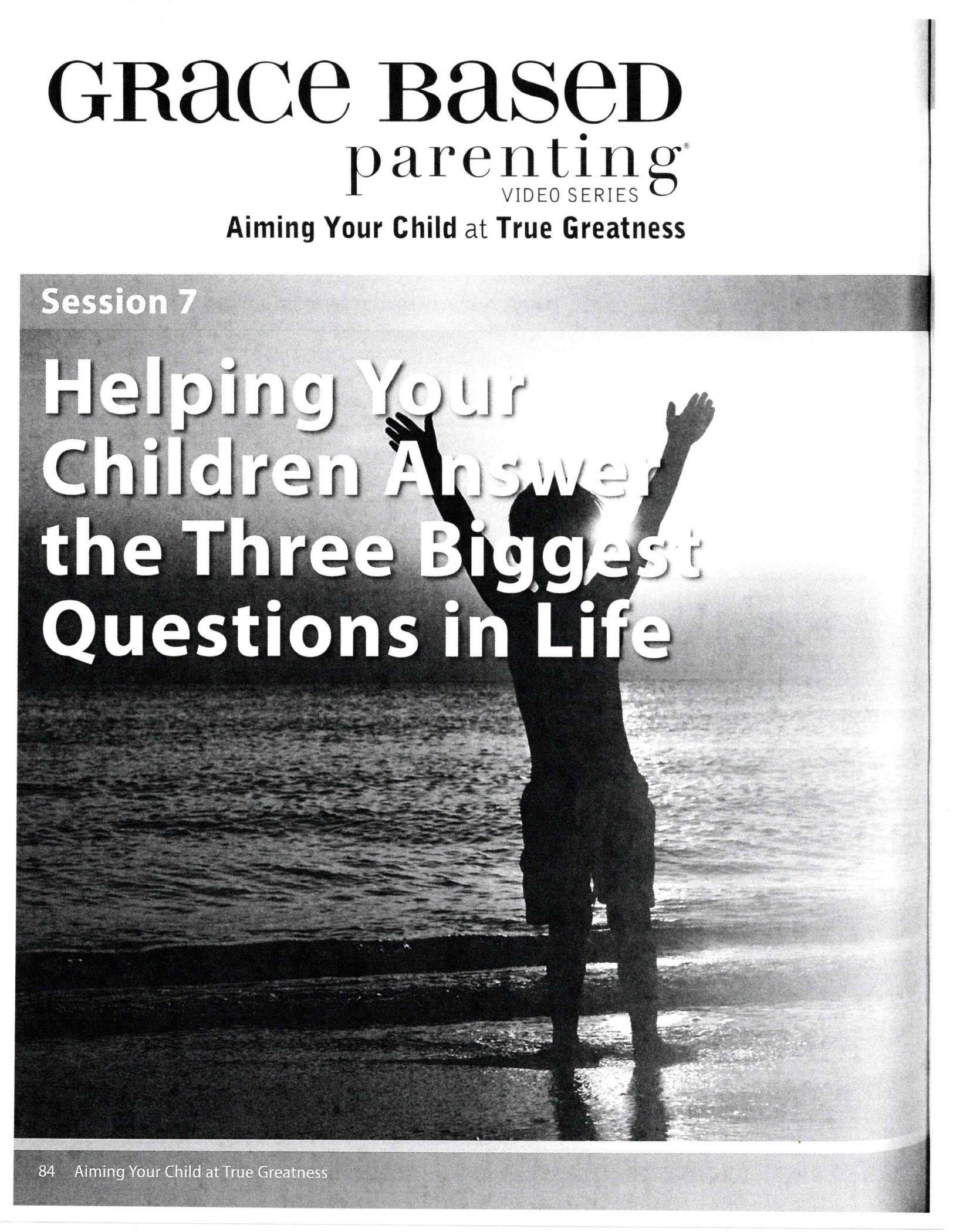


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VIDEO SERIES

Aiming Your Child at True Greatness

Session 7



Helping Your Children Answer the Three Biggest Questions in Life

Introduction

- All children must answer three big questions.
- How our children answer these questions determines whether or not they will get to enjoy a meaningful life in the future and if their lives are going to make a difference.
- Children aimed at True Greatness are in the best position to answer these questions well.

I. What is my _____ in life going to be?

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus... Colossians 3:17a

- A. Long-term success in the marketplace is determined far more by our children's humility, attitudes of gratefulness, generosity, and servant's hearts than by their skill sets.
- B. A commitment to True Greatness frees your child up to pursue God's plan for their life rather than the world's.
- C. If God calls your child to a vocation that isn't financially rewarding, they can still live a life of extraordinary significance while enjoying contentment with their financial position.
- D. If God calls your child to a vocation that does reward them well on pay day, they are going to handle it better because they won't need it to feel complete.

II. Who is my _____ going to be?

- A. The person our son or daughter ultimately marries plays a huge role in their overall impact in the world.
- B. The person our son or daughter ultimately marries plays a huge role in their ongoing happiness.
- C. Truly great kids tend to attract truly great people to marry.
- D. When it comes to marriage, people committed to True Greatness tend to be lower maintenance.
- E. If God chooses for a child not to get married, a truly great heart is in a better condition to accept this.

III. Who is my _____ going to be?

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

- A. If you are a follower of Christ, you need to decide who is going to be the Master of your life because that is going to have a lot of bearing on who is going to be the Master of your kid's life.
- B. When our children choose to make God the Master of their lives, the other two big questions take care of themselves.
- C. When you build True Greatness into your kid's life, success happens as a result.

Conclusion

- God wants to transform the way we raise our kids through the power of His grace.
- God wants us to treat our kids the way He treats His kids – with grace.
- The window of opportunity we have to pass grace on to our kids is not open as long as we may think it is.

Going Deeper

2.

Joshua ran through a list of enemies, idols and potential masters before he told the Israelites that they must choose whom they would serve. His challenge was bracketed with his own convictions and choice. When it comes to who their master will be, what are some of the choices your children are facing? Rewrite this passage with your own convictions and the choices your children face.

Do not fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:14-15

2. This study on True Greatness has reminded us that a life lived for self can be empty and lonely but a life lived for God and others can deliver all the promises of true eternal success. As you help your children figure out what their mission in life is going to be, how will you teach and model to them the command in Colossians below? Has this changed since you started learning about True Greatness? How?

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