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Families need to know their words, their love, and their people all impact not just the adults, but the kids too. And those kids become adults. The aim of this series is to empower and resource families to be intentional with their words, their love, and their people — through overlapping lives.

## #1

Think of someone who has been a positive influence in your life. Was it something they did or something they said that made an impact in your life?

# **#2**

Family Pastor Danny Bowers says that words have the power to cut deep to the core, are influential, and have an impact (<u>see Proverbs 18:11</u>). We see the power of our words not only in **what we say** but in **how we use them**. Discuss the power of your words with children, other family members, or co-workers.

### #3

Read <u>Matthew 12:33-37</u>. What is this passage saying to you? As you evaluate your own words and actions, how does that make you feel? What steps might be necessary for you to mirror Christ to your family and the world?

### #4

<u>View the video of our PCC kids</u> who shared what words or phrases have impacted them. What stood out to you in this video? According to Pastor Danny our words will challenge our children to live into who they are, or crush them into a cookie cutter form of who we want them to be. He goes on to say kids need us to meet them where they are, not where we want them to be. Talk about these two concepts and what each one would look like.

## #5

What we say to one another can empower or enrage. Parenting is hard work even in the best of circumstances. And now with COVID restrictions, homeschooling and working from home seem to intensify things. How do you reboot the situation with your children or teens in which words have gone from empowering to enraging? Have you or would you ever ask forgiveness from your children? How hard is it for you to seek forgiveness in general?

#### #6

Each of us has been crushed by words. And sadly each of us has said something we regret. Pastor Danny encourages us with some GOOD NEWS! He says that the unhealthy moments we've endured, or brought on ourselves, are exactly where Jesus wants to meet us, and that includes our parenting. Jesus showed up in the mess of the world to bring peace and truth, and He is with us today. See <u>Philippians 4:13</u>. How does this verse give you confidence and hope as a parent or grandparent?

### **Other Resources**

- 1. The Family Table Giveaways Online Resources
- 2. Lent Resources: Prayer / 40 Day Devotionals Option 1 & Option 2