

# Planting New Seeds of Hope Through Jesus

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It's springtime! Sow the seeds of the Gospel wildly!

During many times in Israel's history, people forgot about God and just did whatever they wanted. It never ended well. Increasingly, America is awash in the same error, dispensing with God's leading and embracing idols of our own making.

This is indeed a dark time for family values. But we know that the wisdom and love of Jesus can cut through it all and lead us toward the light.

## The folly of bargaining

Desperately wanting to "fix" a child and restore purity and God-given birth sexuality, parents have a tendency to bargain with God. But haggling with the Almighty is frustrating and unproductive. As a playwright once said, "Your arm's too short to box with God."

We grow weary because God is always right. Unless we submit to His will, we can become angry and even bitter. This makes us an easy target for the enemy.

Bargaining implies that God is not really at work and needs coaxing to do more. Nothing could be further from the truth. God is always at work on our behalf and that of our loved ones.

It can be very, very painful to wait. Sometimes, we tell ourselves that bargaining will ease our pain and suffering.



I often ask people this question: "How has God used sorrow and suffering in the past as a pathway to joy and peace in your life? How might you move from mere acceptance of the situation to allowing God to change you in the midst of it?"

## Talk to God. and listen to His comforting reply

At PFOX, we advise parents to be honest with themselves and with God. Tell Him your pain, frustration, disappointment and guilt. This will help remove you

from feeling isolated and endlessly reliving regrets. The enemy wants us to stay in a closet of shame. God wants to comfort us and restore our family's brokenness even amid a dark culture. This is how David wrote of dealing with the "oppression of the wicked."

*"As for me, I call to God and the LORD saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice. He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me. God, who is enthroned from old, who does not change – he will hear*

them and humble them, because they have no fear of God" (Psalm 55:16-19).

In verse 22, he adds: "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never let the righteous be moved."

This is a battle for the soul of your child or other loved one. We may not understand why he or she is embracing LGBT+, but we do know that the enemy wants to destroy families. God created the perfect family of Adam and Eve, and yet even they gave in to the temptation of forbidden fruit. But God restored them.

### Never battle the demonic enemy alone

Amir Tsarfati, who served as a major in the Israeli Defense Force, is a believing Christian who founded Behold Israel. He says this:

*"What we can see is the rise of a demonic power that wants to kill innocent lives in the name of 'you must accept us, you must tolerate us and don't ever kill us!'"*

*"It seems like that demon is basically deceiving so many to [believe] that they are the victims, that they are the hunted ones, that they are the persecuted ones, and in the name of victimhood they are picking up guns and killing people.... anarchy and violence is [rampant in] Israel even today... I want you to know in light of everything going on, both in Israel and America we need to remember one thing – Jesus was, is, and will be the only hope . . . Pray that the LORD will continue to keep us in line with focus on what is the most important thing for us to do!"*

We need to continue to ask Jesus to create in us a pure heart of love. Perhaps the last thing you want to undertake is to praise God during this difficult Journey. But praising God enlarges our hearts and drives out the enemy.



*"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).*

Throughout the Bible, we're told to offer God a sacrifice of praise. It's through Jesus that we can do this. No circumstance should overshadow our love and devotion to the LORD. During hard times we don't have to pretend that we're in the mood. Praise is an act of obedience, and it does not always come easy.

Be honest. When you feel terrible and your heart is broken, God will meet you right there and give you strength. Giving Him praise is one way he helps us to cope. And He wants each of us to

plant seeds of faith wherever we can.

*"For the joy of the LORD is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).*

### Where to get help

Parent support via a telephone conference call is offered on the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings. Flo also offers Zoom support to those who ask. Please contact [info@pfox.org](mailto:info@pfox.org) for more details.

At PFOX we continue to pray for you and your family. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We serve a big God!

Blessings,

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