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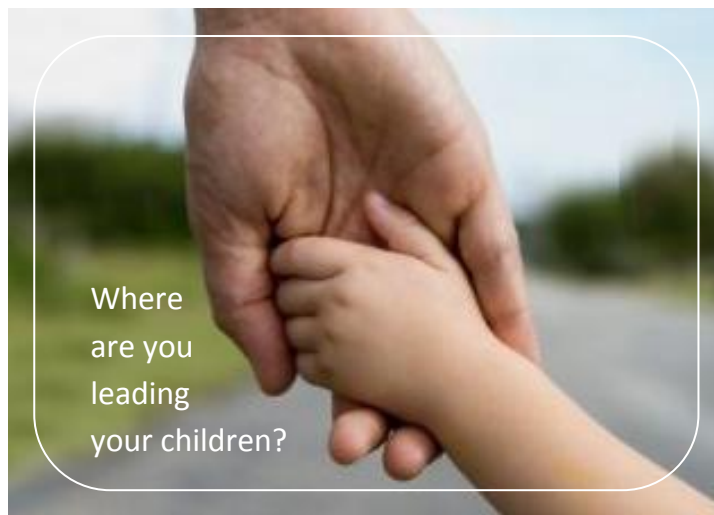
All families want to raise their children with good values. We do our best to raise our children so that they are prepared for the difficult and morally confusing world we live in. But have you ever asked, "How do we work out what values to have?" Is it just up to me to pick which values I think my children should have? Where do you go for guidance? Your parents, your friends, society?

Have you seen the Jesus All About Life ads on TV? Few parents would disagree with the values taught by Jesus in the bible. Jesus didn't just deal with values though, He dealt with the root issue of how we choose values and what they should be based on. Should we live life just the way we think we ought, or should we look to God to find out how we should live? I encourage you to look into the bible for yourself to find out what it teaches. Have a look at the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) which our core values are based on.

While you're there, ask yourself the question, **What makes Jesus different?**

What makes him different from someone like Dr Phil? What is the core message that Jesus came to deliver? Jesus taught many things about life and how to live it, but His most important message was about eternity; what happens to us after this life, and how what we do in this life affects that eternal destiny. Jesus was so much more than just a good teacher, He was the key figure in restoring peace between God (the Father) and His creation. *Jesus said...*

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That means that He is offering something you can't get anywhere else, so what is that?

## What does Jesus mean?

Jesus teaches us in the bible that we have all broken God's law, the ten commandments. That is, we have sinned and one day we will be judged according to these laws we have broken. We have lied, envied, lusted (adultery of the heart), taken things that aren't ours. All sin is ultimately against God.

We will be judged and then sent to heaven or hell, eternal reward or eternal punishment. Jesus talked more about hell than he did about heaven. He warns us clearly that it is a place of terrible pain and suffering. There is no getting out once you are there, it is really forever.

So you make your bed this side of eternity and you lie in it **forever** and **ever** and **ever** and ever...

He also taught that we are all sinners, we may think we are good, but we are only fooling ourselves. The standard isn't how good you are compared to your neighbour, it's how good you are compared to God. So we are left without any hope of ever being good enough. We need to be saved from our eternal destiny. That's why Jesus came. He came to provide sinners with **THE WAY** to be saved. He came to provide sinners with **THE LIFE** that is eternal. He came to tell us **THE TRUTH** about where we stand. He came to pay the penalty for sin, on the cross, so that sinners can be rescued. He did more than teach us how to be nice people on earth. When He died on the cross and was raised again He made the way for sinners to be saved.

Coming to the Father is about believing Jesus is who He says He is and turning away from your sins. That is, repenting. If you will repent and trust in Jesus' saving work then He promises you will be saved.

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