

GOING ON FOR GOD



A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's legs in blue denim jeans and white sneakers walking on a paved path. The background is a bright, golden sunset with trees silhouetted against the light. The overall mood is hopeful and forward-moving.

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REACHING AND MINISTERING TO
"SPIRITUAL ORPHANS"



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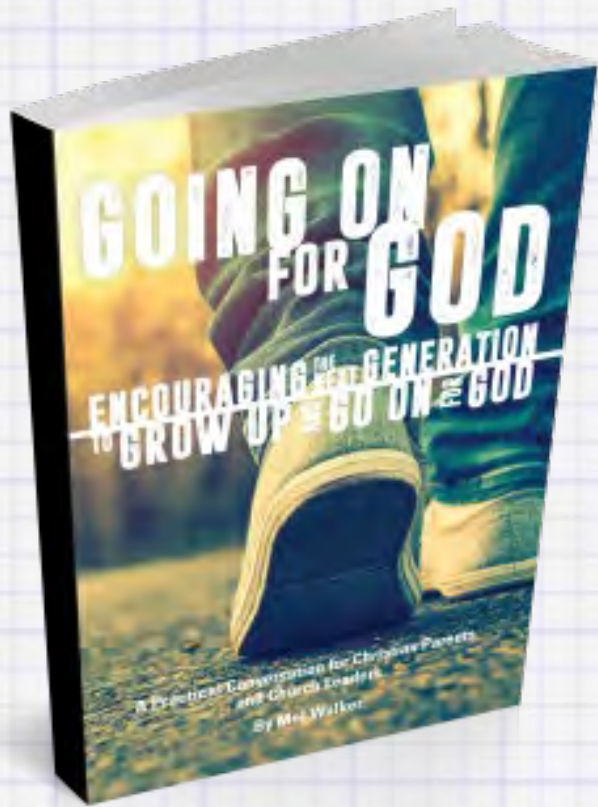
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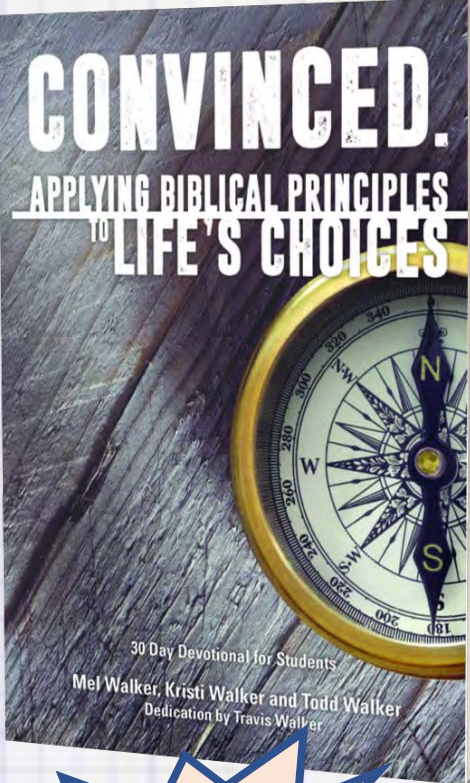
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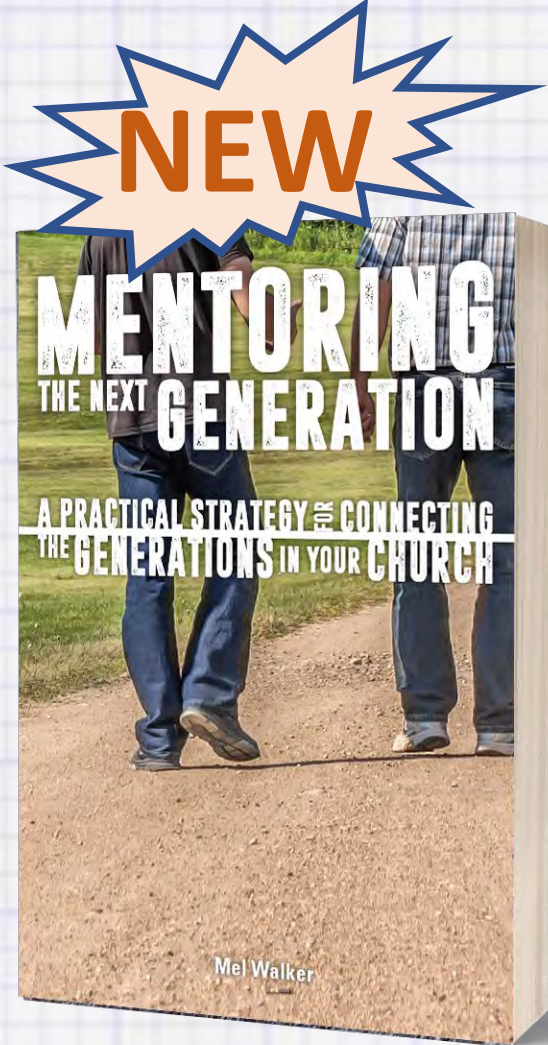
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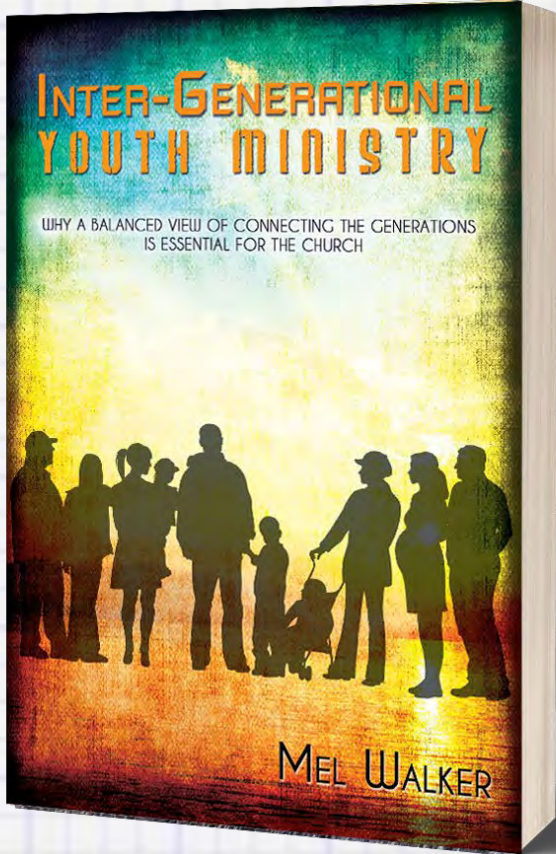
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“SPIRITUAL ORPHANS” (See p. 136 of “Going On For God”)



...are emerging adults who have come to Christ, but who do not have the spiritual support system in place to grow in Him; or those young people who do not have any Godly adult influences in their lives.

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Don't Forget: *"in love he ²redestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:4–5); "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then ³heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:16-17); "Father of the fatherless and ⁴protector of widows, is God in his holy habitation." (Psalm 68:5); "...He loved us and sent His Son." (1 John 4:10).*



**THE AMERICAN FAMILY
IS IN CRISIS...**

THE FAMILY IN AMERICA...

- Almost 50% of new marriages end in divorce.

- Couples are getting married later in life.

- About 12 million single-parent families in US.

- Almost 6 in 10 young adults are living without a spouse.



- Changing definition of the family.

- Families feel busier than ever before.

- Dysfunctional & fractured families.





**REACHING OUT TO
"SPIRITUAL ORPHANS"**

REACHING OUT TO KIDS FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL OR UNSAVED FAMILIES:

- 1. Present / preach the Gospel.**
- 2. Preach expositional messages. (Teach about contemporary issues from the text of Scripture.)**
- 3. Plan purposeful, quality evangelistic events & programs – and promote the event creatively.**
- 4. Train and encourage Godly emerging adults to reach their friends.**
- 5. Hold equipping ministries for parents & families.**



REACHING OUT TO KIDS FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL OR UNSAVED FAMILIES:

CONTINUED

- 6. Provide and publicize a safe, caring environment.**
- 7. Offer training and counseling for parents & families.**
- 8. Use church facilities & property for community events.**
- 9. Develop strong inter-generational children's and youth ministries.**
- 10. Church leaders must get visibly involved in their communities.**



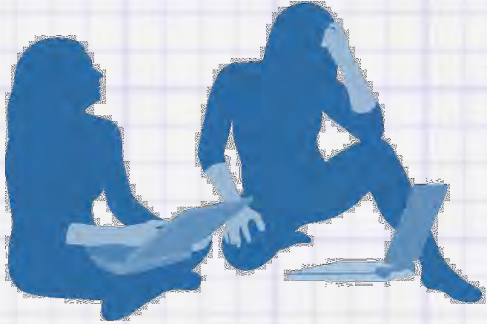


**MINISTERING TO
"SPIRITUAL ORPHANS"**

SPIRITUAL ORPHANS:

SEE GOD AT
WORK IN PEERS

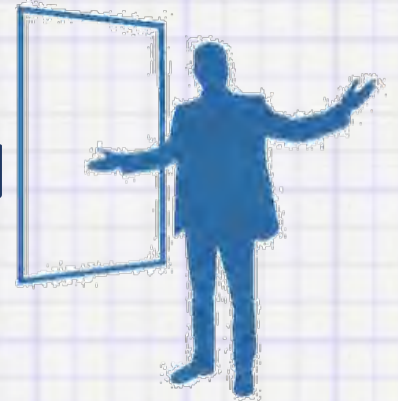
GODLY
ADULT
MENTORS



ACCEPTANCE IN THE
LARGER GROUP



CREATIVE
PRESENTATION
OF TRUTH



“ADOPTION”
INTO GOOD
FAMILIES



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**THE IMPORTANCE OF
BALANCED
FAMILY MINISTRY**

BALANCED FAMILY MINISTRY

How are you reaching out to YOUR community?

OUTREACH

How are you training & helping today's parents?

TEACHING & EQUIPPING

How can you train older parents to mentor younger parents?

COLLABORATION

MENTORING

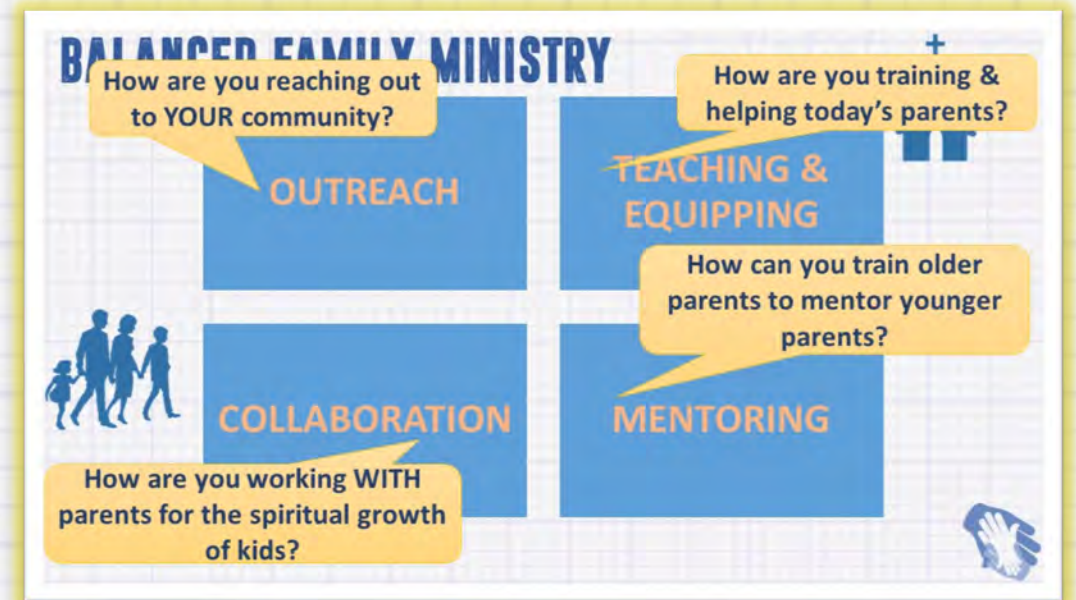
How are you working WITH parents for the spiritual growth of kids?

Titus 2:1-5



INGREDIENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE FAMILY MINISTRY:

- Plan an outreach strategy for unchurched families in your community.
- Implement a teaching & training ministry in your church for kids and parents...
 - Classes & Activities
 - Resources
 - Counseling
- Motivate & train older parents to mentor....
- Commit to working WITH parents for the long-term spiritual growth of their kids. (Do they know that is your objective?)



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