Welcome to Heart-to-Heart!
God’s Blueprint For
Partnering with the Holy Spirit: Spiritual Formation in Your Children

Week 7 | 04.13.15 (PM) | 04.15.15 (AM)
Spiritual formation for Christ followers is “the process of transformation of the inmost dimension of the human being, the heart, which is the same as the spirit or will. It is being formed (really, transformed) in such a way that its natural expression comes to be the deeds of Christ done in the power of Christ.”

– Dallas Willard
FAITH CHECK

1. Do I make decisions based primarily on what I see around me or what God shows me in prayer/my spirit?
2. Do I pray and trust more than I worry and fret?
3. Do I use God’s Word to instruct my heart when resolving family (relational) issues?
4. Do I seek God’s opinion, through His Word and godly counsel, more than relying on my opinion or that of others?

READ: Proverbs 3:5-8 and 2 Corinthians 5:7
Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises.

Psalm 25:14 (NLT)
The goal of Spiritual Formation is that our children believe, and are saved.
• Romans 10:9 “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

• John 1:12 “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—“

• John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

• John 6:28-29 They asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever— The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.”

John 14:16-17 (AMP)
We can teach our kids about God but only the Holy Spirit can draw them to believe God.
The spiritual formation of our children is far more about who parents are as a person than what parents do as a parent, although both are important.
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (AMP)

Jewish Shema: listen
• John 1:1, 14 “In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was w/ God, & the Word was God. The Word became flesh & made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One & Only, who came from the Father, full of grace & truth.”

• Psalm 107:20a “He sent forth his word and healed them …”

• Lamentations 2:19 “Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at every street corner.”

• Mark 11:12-14, 19-24
We need the words written and the words whispered.
Spiritual Formation most readily happens when a parent regularly speaks, lives and prays the words that God speaks.
• Stay in faith and trust the Father.
• Keep speaking, living and praying the Word.
• Listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit.