

# DO YOU LOVE ME? JASON STRAND

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# KEY SCRIPTURE —

### Psalm 127:3-5

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like sharp arrows in a warrior's hands. How happy is the man whose quiver is full of them!

## Hebrews 8:12

I will forgive their wrongdoings, and I will never again remember their sins.

#### Psalm 130:3

Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who could ever survive?

#### 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind . . . It is not proud . . . It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

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#### 1 Peter 4:8

Continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

#### Romans 3:24

God, in his grace, declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is all you need. My power is made perfect in your weakness.

#### **Ephesians 2:8**

You have been saved by grace through faith, not by works, so you can't take credit for it. It's a gift from God

2 Samuel 14:29-30 1 John 4:7, 9-10

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# DISCUSSION



GUIDE

AS KIDS GET OLDER IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER LECTURE THAT THEY NEED, ANOTHER "DON'T DO THAT." What they really need is a parent who can reach their heart. Author Ray Johnston says, "As kids grow older we have to become better at reaching their heart than filling their head." We need to learn to open up in a way that will let them know they are loved unconditionally.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Read **Psalm 127:3-5**. Jason talked about three things that you do with an arrow—aim it (give it direction), pull back the string (prepare it) and release it (let it go). What stage of parenting are you currently in? What advice can you offer to other parents from a stage you've already gone through?
- 2. The right question at the right time is the key to opening your kid's heart. Children who feel loved have parents who give them three things: attention, grace and unconditional love. Out of these three, which one are you the best at and which area can you grow in?
- **3.** Do your kids or grandkids have your attention? Or are they always competing with your work, your hobby or your phone? What might you need to eliminate in your life in order to be able to give them more attention?
- **4.** Read **Hebrews 8:12** and **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**. Growing up, did you have grace and unconditional love from your parents or did you have to earn it? How does that affect the way you show love to others today? How does the example of Jesus help us give grace and unconditional love?

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

How have you seen unconditional love modeled? Share about it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #ItTakesAVillage.

# **COMMIT TO MEMORY**

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