

Raising In Arizona - Part 7
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SHARPEN THE POINT

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For further study of today's message

Two Models for Parenting:

Isolation: Concerned with contamination and the focus is on protection.

Insulation: Concerned with learning and the focus is on preparation.

The Big Question: How Does God Parent?

John 17:15 (NLT)

Big Idea:
Insulate! Don't isolate!

Three Principles of Insulation:

1. IN the world, but not OF the world. John 17:15-19 (NLT)

"...not asking you to take them out of the world." (v. 15a)

Why?

You would never experience loving Him.

There is a world that needs us!

"...make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word." (v. 17)

2. Exposure, but not over-exposure. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

3. Developed, not just discussed. James 1:2 (NLT)

There are lessons that will never be learned in safety.

There is strength that comes only by trial.

How Do I begin to INSULATE?

Monitor and move at your child's pace.

Do not be afraid of failure.

ENTRY POINT: Jesus did not ask God to take the believers out of the world, but to use them in the world.

Read John 17:1-26, the prayer of Jesus. Our hearts belong to God, but we remain, physically, with both feet *in* the world.

How does being "set apart, made holy, consecrated" make us any different ...

...when we are called to love others who are *of* the world, especially the unlovable?

...when we are given the opportunity to witness to God's mighty changes in our own lives? How are our lives bearing witness to the glory of God?

...when we are faced with human temptation?

...in how we teach and prepare (raise) our children?

*"You are the light of the world –
like a city on a mountain
glowing in the night for all to see.
Don't hide your light under a basket!
Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all."
Matthew 5:14-15*