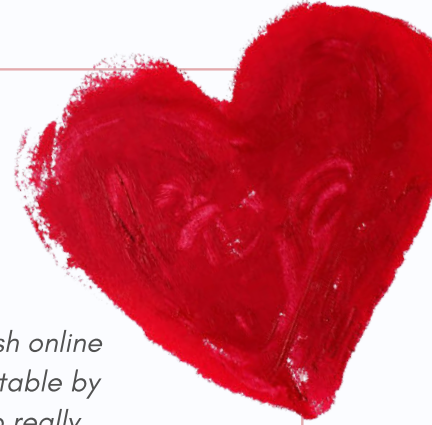


Work it Out...

Together In The Mission



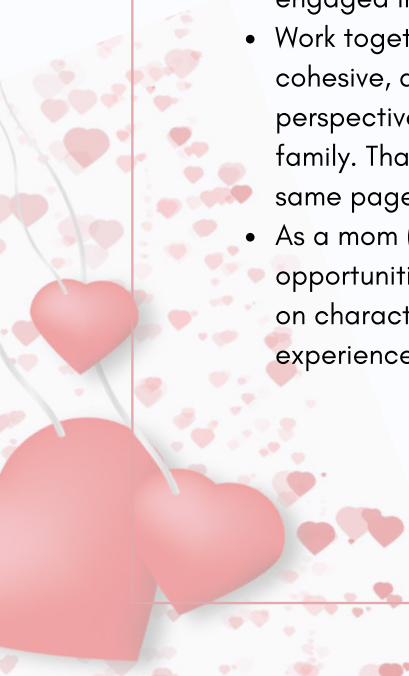
How to get the most out of this worksheet...

- *Take time to watch the corresponding video first. Grab a journal or open a fresh online document and start working these questions out. These worksheets are not editable by design-- rather, they give you a little room for brainstorming before you take to really working out your vision and dreams for your family.*
- *Really take time to think through the questions here and thoughtfully answer each one. The questions are here to help you think through things that you may not have taken the time to truly consider before, and you'll be amazed at how much clarity you'll get just by stopping to write down what's in your heart for your children*

Remember, God is gracious! He will never call you to do anything that He will not also give you the grace, wisdom and strength to accomplish! Strengthening that foundation by making sure you're doing this big work TOGETHER will go a long way towards ensuring you'll successfully make it to the finish line!

Before you start writing, let's review some of the important points from this lesson:

- It's super important for parents to work together on your mission and be intentional and present in the lives of your children.
- Statistics show that 60% or more of children that grow up in a Christian home will leave the church after they grow up. That's devastating— and a horrible commentary on the state of discipleship in our world today. But another study by Focus on the Family found that children in homes where parents were heavily engaged in discipleship activities were WAY more likely to continue in what they have learned. The commitment of parents to be engaged in their mission makes a massive difference in the lives of their children.
- Work together on your mission statement as a couple, so you can weave a strong, cohesive, agreed-upon mission statement. The different complexions of your individual perspectives will give you great insight into the full scope of what God wants for your family. That will give you a lot greater chance of success— and start you both off on the same page, the importance of which cannot be overstated.
- As a mom (or dad!) with your mission in mind, you can make decisions about the opportunities and issues that come up each day, and keep the proper balance of working on character and academics perfectly... without the constant second guessing you experience when you haven't brought everything under the umbrella of your mission.



Now it's time to work on a family mission statement together. What is your ultimate goal for your family? Do you have a specific verse that God has used to reinforce that goal or mission for you? This is a pretty big project, but actually writing down what your mission is will help keep you on track in the days to come, so work on it together, share it with your children, and start evaluating every decision in light of it in the days ahead. By working together on that, you can weave a strong, cohesive, agreed-upon mission statement. The different complexions of your individual perspectives will give you great insight into the full scope of what God wants for your family. That will give you a lot greater chance of success— and start you both off on the same page, the importance of which cannot be overstated.



What is your driving motivation for homeschooling? Have you actually stopped to think about that lately? Is it the same driving motivation as when you started? Many times, we grow and change, but our priorities and approaches don't because we don't stop to think about our goals and motivations each and every year. What do you hope to accomplish through your homeschool this year?

What are some practical, tangible ways you can see your priorities, goals, and mission in action throughout your homeschool days? Don't spend too much time on this-- what immediately pops into your mind as fitting into your mission? (Does anything immediately come to mind that doesn't fit with your mission and priorities? Perhaps you should reevaluate those things in the days to come.)

