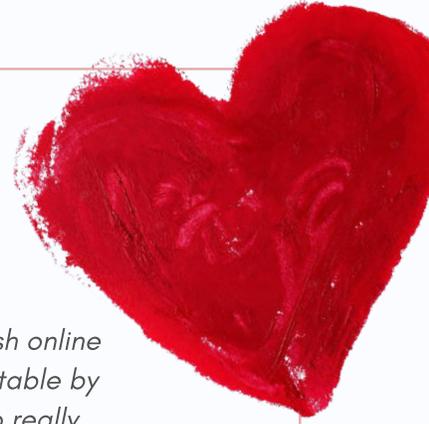


Work it Out...

Catalyst Versus Calling.



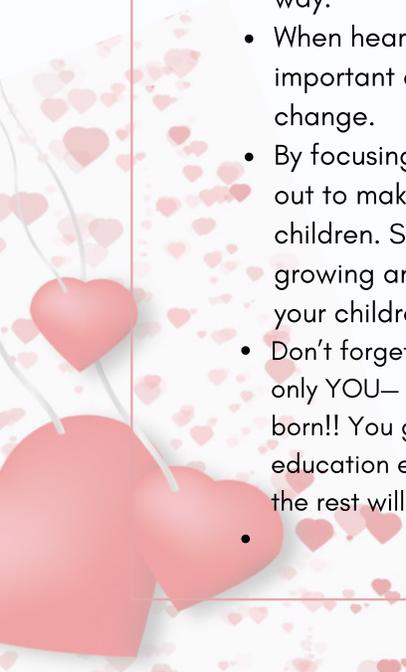
How to get the most out of this worksheet...

- *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, homeschooling is not an end in and of itself. It won't guarantee that your child will walk with God. It won't guarantee that they'll turn out the way you want them to. Rather, homeschooling is a step of obedience where you will have the opportunity to seize every moment and resource you can to engage in discussions with your children that will strengthen their faith and relationship with God, with you, and with others.

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

- Your calling is the mission that God has given you, while the catalyst is something or someone that helps you understand that calling. Your calling as a Christian parent has to do with introducing your children to Jesus and helping them grow in Him by any means you have available to you. **So, your calling is anchored in Christ Himself!**
- Focusing on your calling rather than a catalyst will change your focus and your practice.
- When you're aiming for the hearts of your children and you'll realize that the only way to do that is to intentionally be present, involved, and available for them every step of the way.
- When heart schooling, you'll find that relationships are paramount; your children feel important and secure; discussions are intentional; grace is extended; and priorities change.
- By focusing on your calling rather than on any catalyst, you'll be reminded day in and day out to make sure that who you are is who you would want to see reproduced in your children. So, anchoring in that calling has a sanctifying element to it as well. As you are growing and changing, you'll be able to leverage everything you've learned in Christ, so your children can become more like Him.
- Don't forget— God created YOU— only YOU to be the parent of your children. He gave YOU— only YOU— the directive to Teach Them Diligently... and you've been doing it since they were born!! You got this, Mom and Dad— and God knows you're the perfect ones to direct their education even as you shepherd their hearts and point them to Jesus. Invest in that call— and the rest will fall into place.



God used the storm and the big fish as catalysts to get Jonah moving in the direction of his calling to go to Ninevah. What were some catalysts God has used to bring you to this point of homeschooling your children? These catalysts can be physical like a virus that changed everything we considered normal, emotional, spiritual, or anything else God has used to get your attention. Document those things-- you may even find some coming to mind that you wouldn't have thought of before.



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How can you ensure that the catalyst never gets exalted to a position higher than it's due, so that it eventually becomes an idol? Even good things, when held too tightly, can derail our mission. If homeschooling is a catalyst to get you to do the work of Heart Schooling that you're called to do, how can you ensure that homeschooling itself doesn't become an idol?

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Remember, whether you're intentional in your discipleship or not, as a parent, you are ALWAYS teaching your children something. You're passing on your worldview, your priorities, and your beliefs. Years ago, God pricked our hearts as we heard a pastor note that "You Teach What You Know, but you Reproduce Who You Are." What is your life teaching your children right now? Are there areas you need to confess and turn over to God to be able to teach them better by your life?

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Anchor yourself in your calling, not your catalyst, and start ordering your life around it— and that will keep the activities of homeschool in their right order of importance within your family and give you clarity when you're faced with choices in the days to come.

