

# Grit 'n' Grace

GOOD GIRLS BREAKING BAD RULES



## DIGGING DEEPER *Devotional*

Episode #84

Unlocking the Surprising Secrets to Building Closeness with Our Kids



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### Devotional Verse

Proverbs 23:25 (NLT)

"So give your father and mother joy!  
May she who gave you birth be happy."

### *Bad Rule*

Managing our children's behavior drives out rebellion.

### *Focus on the Truth*

Molding our children's hearts helps them reject rebellion.

### Devotional Quote

"The idea of 'quality time' tempts us to project-ize time with our kids. They might want to talk when we haven't scheduled quality time." ~Cheri Gregory

## Digging Deeper

1. What looks like rebellion in my children but might not be?

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2. How can I handle my parenting mistakes in the future?

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3. Do I “behave” for external reasons? Why or why not?

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4. “Just chat...” how does this challenge me?

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5. How have I been able to make steps toward parenting out of faith instead of fear?

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## *Grow Your Grit*

Letting go of my children and letting them experience their consequences is hard.

## *Embrace God's Grace*

We can have do-overs with our kids. Apologizing is a huge gift.

### **Devotional Prayer**

Dear Abba, You are my perfect parent.  
Although I try to be a great parent, I so often feel like I fail.  
Help me to relax into your plans for my family.  
Help me trust that I can parent from the messy middle.  
I so need your grace and guidance. I am listening.  
Thank you, Amen



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