

# TALK IT OVER

## **Don't Quit Now:**

## How to Keep Going When Family Gets Hard

Pastor Andy Wood September 27-28, 2025

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

#### **Scriptures**

Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV), Galatians 2:16 (NIV), Galatians 3:13-14 (NIV), Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) (ESV), Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV), Zechariah 4:6 (NLT)

### Questions

- 1. Pastor Andy shared the "laws of the harvest" you reap what you sow, after you sow, and more than you sow. How have you seen this principle play out in your home (for better or worse)?
- 2. What good harvests have you been a part of in the past? How did you consistently contribute towards that outcome? How can you apply that discipline towards your spiritual growth now?
- 3. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." What story do you want told about your family when people look back years from now? Do you have a clear vision for your family's future? What would it look like to write one down and live it out?
- 4. Pastor Andy asked, "What is possible in your home with God's help?" Take a moment to dream together what would a Spirit-filled harvest look like in your family?
- 5. Think about your daily rhythms and habits. Which ones are currently shaping your home in a positive way? Which ones need to change so that your family centers on the Lord?
- 6. How does discouragement hinder your progress? Deuteronomy 31:8 says God will never leave us nor forsake us. How does this promise encourage you to stay faithful and committed to your family even when it feels overwhelming?

- 7. Pastor Andy closed by asking, "Have I settled in my heart that I will not quit on my family?" How would you answer that question today? What commitment do you need to make before God and your family?
- 8. The Lord said in Zechariah 4:6: "It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies." How does this change your perspective on fighting the battle for your family?

#### **Three Essential Questions**

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

- 1. What did you hear? What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- 2. What do you think? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
- 3. What will you do? How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?

#### **Small Group Action Steps**

- 1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group. This assessment will help you see how your small group is balancing the five purposes and will give you suggested next steps for each purpose. Click here to take the Group Health Assessment: <a href="https://saddleback.com/connect/smallgroups#spiritualCheckup">https://saddleback.com/connect/smallgroups#spiritualCheckup</a>
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