



TALK IT OVER

UNDER MY ROOF: TESTING THE FOUNDATION

BOTTOM LINE

When handled healthily, conflict is a relational builder.

CONVERSATION STARTER

To what fictional family would you like to belong? What fictional family is most like yours? (TV, movie, Bible, literature)

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Space Between Us](#), a conversation with Sarah Bauer Anderson on keeping the family close when issues seek to divide.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.
Proverbs 3:3-4 NLT

“Family isn’t defined only by last names or by blood; it’s defined by commitment and by love. It means showing up when they need it most. It means having each other’s backs. It means choosing to love each other even on those days when you struggle to like each other. It means never giving up on each other.” – Dave Willis

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.
Ephesians 4:15 NLT

Truth without grace is mean. Grace without truth is meaningless. You need both to foster a healthy home. If you can’t speak the truth in love, you will eventually resent the people you love. Parents, the most selfish and hurtful thing we could do for our kids is to not tell them the truth, in love. We live in a culture obsessed with being liked. As parents, we cannot trade truth for being liked. In the end, we will be despised by all if we hold back the truth.

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How does a lack of love and loyalty show up in a family?

A good way to know if you’re saying something with the right tone is to pause and ask yourself, “What is the intention of me saying this?” How do intention, tone of connection, and tone of correction affect communication? What needs special attention in my communication?

ACTION STEP

Memorize Ephesians 4:15 and say it when tension begins.