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Episode Guide



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Family & Ministry ft. Jonathan Brozozog

Mixing family and ministry can be tricky, but when we are intentional about both there are great seeds that can be sown. This week we get to hear from Jonathan Brozozog, Lead Pastor at Creative Church in Minnesota, who has some deep insight into balancing family and ministry. Catch the full, extended version of this conversation on Leading Second+ today. Visit [leadingsecondplus.com](https://www.leadingsecondplus.com)

Navigating Family and Ministry

HOW HAVE YOU FELT NAVIGATING FAMILY AND MINISTRY?

- Jonathan had to adapt and learn.
- Ministry is unique. You can't check out.
- Include all kids in ministry
 - Let ministry have a seat at the table.
 - Treat it as one of the children.
 - Jonathan gave up trying to find balance and leaned more into the Lord
 - The Lord works it out so people don't feel neglected or not valued.
 - As parents spend more time with the Lord, our words carry more weight.
 - God makes our words effective to the children.
 - Celebrate ministry and ministry celebrates you.
- The same rub of tension happens if you're in church or if you aren't.
- Be intentional to point out the wins/opportunities because of being in ministry.

- Find your child's love language.
 - Connect it in ministry.
- Let kids learn how to celebrate when one gets something and the others don't.
 - People who get jealous believe God doesn't have something for them.
 - Knowing that God has something for you so you don't have to be bothered with what others get.
- Point out to kids how they are acting/being like Jesus.
 - Show kids the impact they have on the body of Christ because of their sacrifices.
 - Let them share in the fruit.
- Learn to raise them to conduct themselves in public.
 - Practice what you want from your children.
 - Raise your children so they can be a part of the journey with you.
- You'll never discipline wrong if you pray before you discipline.
 - God will show you how to discipline each child.
 - When you discipline, keep your children close to you.
 - When God disciplines us, He doesn't send us away. He brings us close.

WHEN YOU SEE A COUPLE IN MINISTRY GET THE TENSION RIGHT, WHAT ARE THEY DOING RIGHT?

- Jonathan said he wants his team to take their days off.
 - He wants them to have time to rest.
- He wants them to take their family on the journey (of ministry) with them.
- He wants ministry to be an addition to their life, not a subtraction.
 - That starts in their personal time with the Lord.
 - Don't come into work without spending time with the Lord.
 - God makes your words so much more effective.
 - When you spend time with the Lord, He gives you an anointing.
 - That anointing makes your words effective.
 - When your words are not effective you'll become angry.
- In ministry, your family matters.
 - Ministering to your family is a part of your job description.

Tired eyes rarely see a bright future.

- Jonathan Brozozog

Dig Deeper

1. How can you begin or go deeper in integrating your family with your ministry?

2. What are one or two ways you can enhance your time with the Lord daily to keep yourself effective for your family and your ministry?

3. How has this conversation shifted your perspective of family and ministry? How will you use this to grow your family's capacity in ministry?

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