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Our kids will make mistakes. Our teenagers will make bigger ones. Costly ones. Embarrassing ones (to them and to us). And that doesn't mean we don't talk to them and have consequences when they get it wrong. But when the consequence for a bad decision—that goes against our conscience in behavior or identity or relationship—is withholding love and relationship and connection, we are more than doing parenting wrong. We are doing Christianity wrong.

God would never ask us to parent in a way that permanently severs the relationships with our kids. How do I know? Because God doesn't parent that way. God leaves a way back. So we should too. God leaves the door open. So we should too. God runs breakneck speed down a dirt road to welcome us home. So we should too.

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preparing to release our kids to, jarring. And there is so very little I actually have control over in the grand scheme of things and how their lives play out. Except one thing. One very important thing: Whether my kids will go to bed at night certain that they can never misbehave their way out of relationship with me.

You belong here. You are loved here. And nothing changes that.

Do your kids know that? Do you believe it, but have a hard time saying it? Do you think it, but have a difficult time showing it? Start practicing now. Look your kids in the eye and tell them: even though you bit me, I'll always love you. Even though you kicked and screamed your way through the grocery store, I love you. Even though you lied about that test, I love you. Even though you are making choices I prayed you never would, experiencing consequences I wish you weren't, I love you.

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