

# PARENT PARTNER

## WEEKLY PLAN



### WEEK 3: PATIENCE PUTS TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Renewing trust daily in God's faithfulness, guidance, and timing is one of the most important gifts you can share with your family. This week, lean in to the hard work of renewing your trust in what God has promised. It is easier to release control when we are trusting in God's timing.

## PRAYER TIME

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

*The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9 CSB).*

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

God, I know that You always come through on Your promises. May I not put my own timeline on You. You are always patient with me even when I want control. Your patience and heart never want anyone to perish, and Your ways lead us to repentance. These are the things I need to repent of today\_\_\_\_\_.

# DRIVETIME

## CONVERSATION

### **PARENT PRE-READING:**

*Come and listen, all who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth, and praise was on my tongue. If I had been aware of malice in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.*

*However, God has listened; he has paid attention to the sound of my prayer. Blessed be God! He has not turned away my prayer or turned his faithful love from me (Psalm 66:16-20 CSB).*

### **CONVERSATION STARTER:**

I was reading Psalm 66, and verse 18 says that if I had been aware of the malice in my heart the Lord would not have listened. Do you think there are times when God falls silent to reveal the sin in our lives to us? Should we see this kind of discipline in our lives as good or bad? Does it ultimately show God's love for us that He would correct us?

# ACTIVITY TIME

### **STILL TOGETHER.**

Silence and being still are not always easy. In fact, for some of us it's really, really difficult. Yet, God calls us to be still before Him. When was the last time you just sat and were still?

Plan a time as a family to be silent. You know your family best—15 minutes of no TV, phones, reading, or talking may be enough. Or if you are bold, maybe you try for an hour. Make sure to reserve time to talk about your experience at the end.

Ask, what does God have to teach us when we stop talking and just listen? Why is it difficult for us to be silent and still?



## **STARTING QUESTION**

Looking back was there ever a time when you prayed for something that seems silly or even self-centered now?

## **DEEPENING QUESTION**

Have you ever felt like you prayed for something you really needed and God didn't answer? What was your reaction? Did you feel like you were waiting and waiting on God? How do you feel about that situation now?

## **READ THIS TOGETHER**

*God, hear my cry; pay attention to my prayer.*

*I call to you from the ends of the earth when my heart is without strength.*

*Lead me to a rock that is high above me, for you have been a refuge for me, a strong tower in the face of the enemy.*

*I will dwell in your tent forever and take refuge under the shelter of your wings.*

*Psalms 61:1-4 (CSB).*

## **SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTION**

Do you trust that God wants what is best for you even when it doesn't seem like your prayers are being answered? What led you to this conclusion? These verses call us to keep pressing into God when we are crying out to Him. How do we do that together as a family when times may get hard?