



Life-Giving Words, Christ-Like Love

Dear TC Families,

As we walk through this season together, I want to offer a simple but important reminder for our homes:

Love God first, and live that out every day.

Not just on Sundays, but in the everyday moments -when we're busy, tired, or navigating tension. Our children (littles and big) are always watching. They are learning what matters most by how we live, how we speak, and how we treat others.

Scripture reminds us:

“These words... shall be on your heart... teach them diligently to your children... when you sit... walk... lie down... and rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Faith is meant to be lived out in all of life.

In Genesis 31, we see the word *Mizpah*, “*May the Lord watch between you and me when we are apart.*” It was spoken in the middle of mistrust, essentially saying, “*I don’t fully trust you, so I’m entrusting you to God.*” Even there, we’re reminded: when relationships feel strained, God remains faithful, and we can place one another in His care.

That truth matters in our daily lives.

It is easy to slip into comparison, jealousy, or mistrust - in our homes, our work, even within our community. But we are called higher: “*They will know we are Christians by our love.*”

One of the clearest ways we live this out is through our words.

Words of affirmation matter. When we choose to encourage, to speak life, to celebrate others instead of compare, it changes us. It strengthens those around us. And it shows our children (little and big) what Christlike love actually looks like.

They are watching.

They are listening.

And they will carry what they see.

So, we ask ourselves:

Are we building up or tearing down?

Are our homes marked by grace?

Are we modeling trust in God?

We will not do this perfectly, but we can be intentional.

At Turlock Christian, it is our privilege to walk alongside you as you train up your children in the way they should go. Together, we are helping them not just learn and know about Christ but see Him lived out.

This week, may we:

- Put Christ first - daily
- Choose encouragement over comparison
- Speak life and affirmation (to our kiddos, too!)
- Model a faith that is real and visible

Because what we live today is what our children will carry tomorrow.

You are known, you are valued, and you are deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,

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