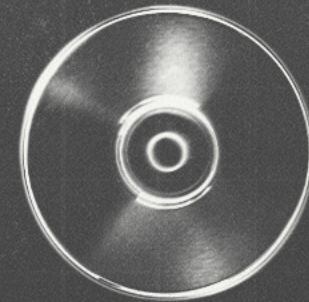


Generation to **GENERATION**

Uncommon Parenting Conference





In-Lawing:

**DRAW CIRCLES,
NOT LINES**







Psalm 139

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before there was yet one of them.

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as
it depends on you, live peaceably
with all.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore, a man shall leave his father
and mother and hold fast to his wife,
and they shall become one flesh.

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your
days may be long in the land that the
Lord your God is giving you.

“As a son or daughter-in-law, what’s required of me? What are my obligations, (whether I feel like it or not) in relating to my spouse’s parents?”

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How Can I Make My In-Laws Feel Honored?

Relationship Building Conversation Topics

- Your Spouse as a Child
- Your In-Laws' Childhood
- Advice You May Need
- Interests You May Share
- Your In-Laws' Love Story
- Their Favorite Random Facts
- Family Rituals and Traditions
- Recent Accomplishments
- Ask "What has this season has been like for you?"

10 Things We've Realized About In-Lawing

- Your primary loyalty lies with your spouse and family - we applaud this
- In-law problems can become marital problems.
- Our role in our kid's lives has changed.
- Good relationships with our IL's are worth the Time and Effort.
- Offer opinions only when asked.
- Try not to be nosy.
- Be fair, don't choose sides. We're for your family and your marriage.
- Don't overstay; "The Fish Rule".
- Use purposeful words - conversations have a long shelf life.
- Children learn how to treat parents & grandparents by your words and actions.

What If Your In-Laws Act Like Outlaws?

- Don't Respect Boundaries
- Manipulative
- Passive Aggressive
- Gossip
- Narcissistic
- Create Self-Doubt
- Help...without being asked
- Think They're Always Right
- One-Uppers
- Impossible To Please

What If Your In-Laws Act Like Outlaws?

- Practice being “Unoffendable”
- If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- Romans 12:18
- A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- Proverbs 15:1

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Five Tools for Protection

- Prayer
- Boundaries
- Kindness
- Patience
- Grace

What If Your In-Laws Act Like Outlaws?

Three Things “Honoring” Your Parents (In-Laws) Does Not Mean

- Submerging your own feelings, desires, preferences and needs in the service of “doing things their way.”
- Permitting disrespect, control, or manipulation toward toward their selfish ends.
- “Obeying” all parental requests or requirements.

Thank You!