

Lasting Impressions by Dennis Roach



In the March newsletter you read about the first impressions of the Courageous Parenting class from the view of a group leader in training. In the May edition two sets of parents wrote about their first impressions of the same class in its fourth week. In this June issue you will be reading about the “Lasting Impressions” of that class now that it has drawn to its conclusion after 13 weeks. Three courageous parents have put into words how this class has influenced their lives and those of their children.

From Lance & Cynthia: *“I have truly loved the journey of understanding that the root of the problem in my home was me, and I’m the only person I can control. What a relief! We have greater peace now. It’s not perfect, but definitely much, much improved.”*

From Pam: *“I mainly signed up for the 12-week course for parents to help my friend because her husband couldn’t make the class. Also, being an empty nester (yet my kids are always coming home) I wasn’t sure if this class would benefit me. However, the principals taught in this class have helped me with every relationship in my life. I had some difficult situations that I didn’t know how to repair and I had to learn how to change the way I related to others. I needed to stop and reflect before responding. Our kids didn’t come with a user’s manual and I would have benefitted greatly from this course when my kids were at home. It’s never too late to mend relationships though. This class will help parents relate on a deeper level with their kids...it’s a heart issue. I’m learning to change me.”*

From Susan: *“I learned about the Courageous Parenting class from a dear friend who strongly recommended it, prayed with me, and encouraged me to sign up, whether my husband did or not. Thankfully, my husband agreed to join the class with me. I wasn’t sure what to expect, but hoping it would have an effect on the way my husband and I relate to our teenage children and help us be on a more spiritual level with them. In the class I received encouragement and enlightenment on where some of the frustrations in our family may be developing and why. Hearing from and sharing with other parents was healing and a great experience. The topic that stands out to me most, on reflection, is the “consumer parent” concept. Being in a parenting group has so many benefits I believe that are necessary and, unfortunately, lacking in today’s society. Our class leader, Dennis, has a wonderful knack for relating with people and for drawing out their own personal issues that they may not be aware of. By sharing their own profound testimonies with us, he and his assistant Bill made the class comfortable, and they were also lots of fun. I will miss being there.”*

Our kids need lasting impressions of a family that deeply loves them no matter what and is willing to bring objective truth to bear in a secular culture that has only self-centeredness to offer. The parents of this latest class have indeed proven that the concept of courage is still alive and well.

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