

‘Courageous Parenting’ Rocks! by Steve & Debbie Cozzetto



Steve: When my wife asked me to go to a 12 week parenting class, I said yes, figuring if I just took away one thing that would help us better parent our teenage boys, it would be worthwhile. My expectations were far exceeded!

Right away the two class leaders did an excellent job at making our small group feel comfortable enough to share our most intimate parenting struggles. The group went on to explore each of our weekly parenting issues and even became each other’s “cheerleaders” as we lived out “Courageous Parenting”.

The result was my wife and I became perfectly aligned in our common goal of raising our boys to become responsible Christian adults. The class leaders and book empowered us to make some parenting decisions we never dreamed possible. Thank you Genesis!

Debbie: Steve and I had exhausted our “discipline and parenting know-how”, and were frustrated with the behaviors of our teenagers. On recommendation of a friend, we signed up for Courageous Parenting, and as my husband said, we figured even if we only learned one thing, it would be worth it. We learned so much more – there was an “ah-ha” moment almost every class!

I enjoyed the small group/ interactive aspect of the class; within the 12 weeks your group gets to know your parenting struggles well, and it is so helpful to have them be able to see your situation objectively and speak truth into it. The prayers, wisdom, and encouragement from those in our group was invaluable! I appreciated the time the instructors spent getting to know each class members situation, and the wisdom they contributed to each of us individually. I also liked that the instructors let the content of the class time be influenced by the needs of the class.

Ultimately the focus is how to love your kids better, which is always a better goal than how to come up with more ways to discipline! An added bonus was the extra time my husband and I spent discussing the things we were learning in class led to a stronger relationship and more open communication for us as a couple!



~Steve and Debbie Cozzetto