

Dedication II: The Covenant

I'm sure you have heard something like this many times, "the time goes so fast, in a blink of an eye they will be out of the house and you will be wishing for these moments back." On your hardest days you might think, "what are you crazy, don't you remember how hard this is?"

It is hard and I know that the reality of parenting is not as "romantic" as many remember. However, I do think their bit of nostalgic caution might be worth hearing because while there are difficult days, they are in fact coming to an end.

Your parenting days at these formative stages have a short shelf-life, they are coming to an end. So let us be careful not to wish this season of life away even though it is hard. We must be careful not to "just" survive this hard season of life.

I believe God has something for us here, at this stage of parenting. I believe that God is calling us to embrace this season of parenting, to embrace our God-given role as mommy or daddy.

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So, in order to do that, I want to lay out for you our Baby Dedication Covenant.

Covenants are promises that give direction, vows that give shape to the decisions we make.

The covenant stands as a marker that we are not going to let parenting pass us by, but we will parent on purpose, according to God's design. Much like a wedding ceremony these vows are designed to be covenant promises made from parent to child, in the presence of God and your church body.

We have attached a link below to our baby dedication covenant. Take some time and read through it, meditate on each point over a couple of days, come to a point of ownership for every word.

Circle the things that you really like and underline the things you have questions about.