

# HOW TO HAVE A FAMILY FIGHT

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## MESSAGE RECAP

Parenting can be a battle between rules and relationships. If you lean too heavily toward relationships, what happens to the rules? Conversely, if you lean too heavily to the rules, the relationship can disintegrate. This week, we'll look at one factor that can help families manage this perpetual tension.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Talk about the home your grew up in. What was the approach to rules and discipline?  
Did your family fight hot or cold?
2. Were rules enforced in the context of a loving relationship? Were rules sometimes sacrificed for the sake of relationship, or was relationship sacrificed for the sake of rules?  
How do you think this has impacted your home, positively or negatively, today?
3. In the message, Jonathon said people who neglect rules for the sake of relationship and people who neglect relationship for the sake of rules are often both symptoms of fear-based parenting. Where are you tempted to let fear drive your parenting?
4. Read [Matthew 22:34-40](#). Why was this such a powerful response to the Pharisee's question? How do rules and relationships synthesize under this understanding?
5. Communicate who you value before you communicate what you value. How does this approach help when setting values and rules within your home?
6. We all have a bias towards one (rules vs. relationships). Which one are you? And how can you take a step towards the other bias?

## PRAY