

Cat and Dog Theology:
How To Get Your Kids To Live Passionately For The Glory of God

Introduction: We homeschool our kids to live in a safe, Christian environment, but...

- 75% of Christian highschool seniors ditch God when they go off to college.
- 80% of churches in N. America have either plateaued or are declining in membership.
- 70% of all abortions in America are obtained by women who identify themselves with Christianity.
- By 2025, it is expected that 70% of all church goers will stop attending church and seek new forms of experiencing and expressing their faith.

Body: What would it look like if we, the church, acted like a selfish bride? We would seek God, not for who He is, but for what He could do for us or give us.

1. Cat and Dog Theology ask 1 simple question: Who did Christ PRIMARILY die for?
 - a. Jesus died PRIMARILY to glorify His Father, secondarily for our sins.
 - b. The joke:
 - i. A Dog says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, you must be God."
 - ii. A Cat says, You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, I must be God."
 - c. Here's how a Cat thinks:
 - i. Jesus left the Father's glory for me, He suffered for me, He died for me, He's gone back to heaven to build a mansion for me, He's up there interceding for me, and He's coming back a second time for me. Gee, I wonder who He lives for? He must live for me!
 - ii. Ephesians 5:1 says be an imitator of God, therefore I'll be like God and live for me too. I'll just do it in a Christian context. I won't do any of the bad things. I'll go to church, and help teach Sunday school. I'll do all of the right things. But I'll do it all for me!
 - d. Here's how a Dog Things.
 - i. Jesus did everything to glorify the Father. Therefore I should live to glorify the Father.
2. Three Ways Cat Theology Keeps Your Child From Living Passionately For The Glory of God
 - a. They have a "Feel Good" Theology.
 - i. They use their Bible like a refrigerator, taking out what they want and leaving in what they don't want.
 - ii. Cats memorize and meditate on passages that make them feel good and leave the rest.
 1. They'll memorize Psalm 103:11, but skip over 1Peter 2:20 (we've been called to suffer.)
 2. They'll memorize Jeremiah 29:11, but skip over Exodus 20:5, (the Lord is a jealous God.)
 3. They'll memorize Psalm 40:1-3, but skip over Matthew 28:18-20 (go and make disciples of all nations.)
 - b. Cats expect life to be fair.
 - i. Jabez had a very blessed life. (1 Chronicles 4:10)

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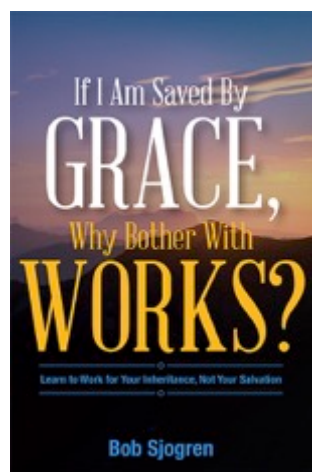
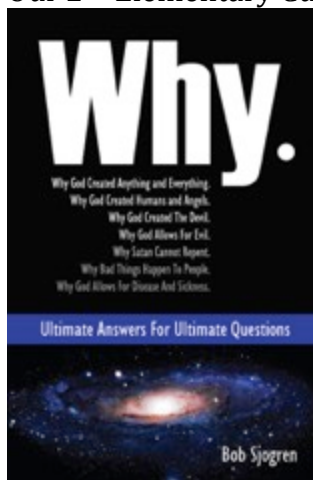
- ii. A young girl in 1 Kings 5 had a terrible life, being sent off as a slave to a people that conquered her.
 - iii. Stephen was stoned to death, yet full of God's grace and power. (Acts 6,7)
 - iv. God wasn't equally fair to these people. But life wasn't meant to be fair.
 - v. Life was meant to be a series of opportunities to radiate and reflect God's glory in all circumstances.
- c. Cats instantly want to relate to the "Winner's Circle." They always relate to the one who comes out "winning" in the end. They always relate to the major character of the story, never to the minor character.
- i. In the book of Job, we always relate to Job who had to learn some tough lessons. This is a winner's circle lesson. He was the major character.
 - ii. Why don't we ever relate to Job's kids? They all died so their father could learn a lesson.
 - iii. We don't want to relate to them because they didn't come out "winning" in the end.
 - iv. There's a lot more to learn from our Bibles if we can get out of the Winner's Circle.
- d. Dogs have masters. Cats have staff.

Conclusion: Everything in life is to revolve around God.

1. Romans 11:36: For everything is from Him and through Him and to Him. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
2. This even applies to the death of His Son.
3. Jesus died primarily to glorify His Father and that changes everything.

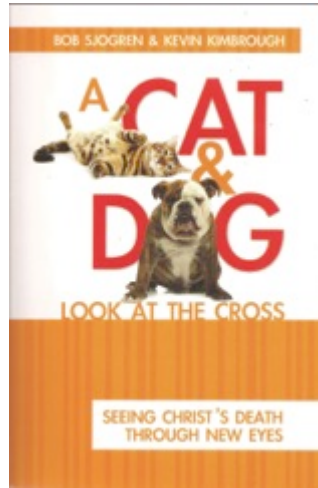
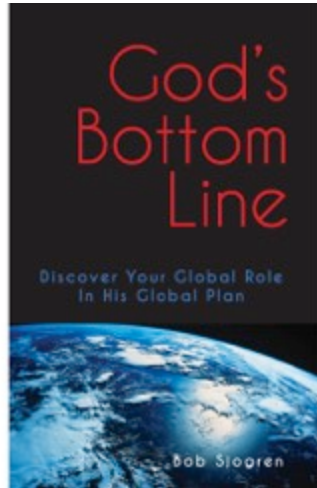
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 - a. This is our 3rd Year High School Curriculum and
 - b. Our 2nd Elementary Curriculum in 2017.

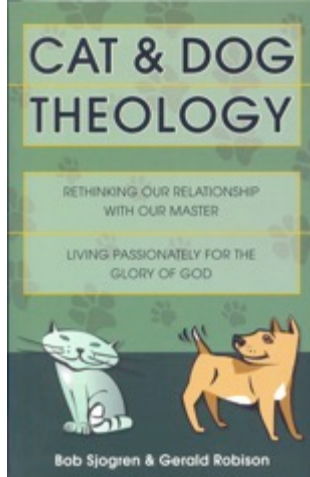


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2. The Story of the Bible:
 - a. This is our 2nd Year High School Curriculum.

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3. Life Is Not About Us (Cat and Dog Theology):
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 - Our Year 1 Elementary Curriculum



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