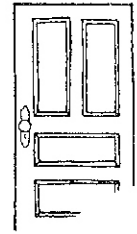


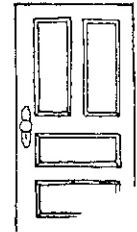
# Behind Closed Doors

**Ephesians 6:1-4:** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *Honor your father and mother* (this is the first commandment with a promise) *that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.* Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

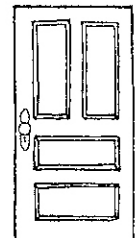
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9** Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



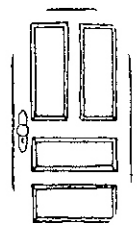
"Living the Vow"



"The Ripple Effect"



"Blueprint for Parents"



"I Wish You Were As I Am"

"It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong."

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## Integrity

Alignment: private and public persona

Who we are when no one watching is who we are

The test of handling power

Children as vulnerable

Parenting as a paradigm

*"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."*

— Abraham Lincoln

## Obedience and Provocation: Ephesians 6:1-4

The great bounty buried in obedience

Helping children obey for their sake

Provocation: parenting for the parent's sake

The referee and the coach

Instruction and discipline

Introducing Jeremy Elseth

## Three words that changed my life

"I am pregnant!"

## How to view our faith

Force them to believe

Let them do whatever

With God's help train and equip

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Integrity matters

## How To Start Living Out Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Your relationship with God is your biggest strategy for raising children

Find 3-5 values you want to live out and teach your children

2 words to focus on: love and authority

Don't compromise the values

Conclusion: Mark 12:28-31