

Leave No Child Behind

Text: (Moses refusing to negotiate with Pharaoh concerning leaving children behind)

ETS: Moses was not willing to make the pilgrimage to the Promised Land without the children.

ESS (proposition): The Church must not make the spiritual journey without the children.

Objective: To remind/encourage the body of Christ why every effort to include the children in the journey is nonnegotiable.

Reasons:

- I. First reason we should not leave our children behind is because they are our responsibility.
 - A. To abdicate our responsibility would give them over to influence of other “gods.”
- II. Second reason we should not leave our children behind is because they are our treasure.
 - A. Heart of Israel – Heart is where treasure is.
- III. Third reason we should not leave our children behind is because they are a needed source of strength.
 - A. Mouth of babes – ordained strength/perfected praise
- IV. Fourth reason we should not leave our children behind is because they are our future.
 - A. No one over 20 entered Canaan.
- V. Fifth reason we should not leave children behind is because they are the result/fulfillment of a promise.
 - A. Jochabed (Moses) – Pharaoh desired to kill first born
 - B. Mary and Joseph (Jesus) – Herod

The child you save could very likely be a promise in disguise.

Pharaoh was asking for:

1. forget responsibility
2. heart
3. strength
4. future
5. promise

You go on the journey but leave those things behind.

We must stop and ask ourselves who/what are we without

1. responsibility
2. heart
3. strength
4. future
5. promise

Nobody

Nothing