**You Asked For it** (Graphic)

#5. Discovering God’s purpose for my life.

#4. Surviving life’s worst moments.

#3. Raising kids in today’s culture.

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November 2021 series: **“For the Win”**

**What makes a child “as risk”?** *\*\*build a list of these two*

The number of assets they have.

**External Assets:** support systems, positive families, caring adults, church community, activities, sports, safe boundaries, safety, role models. (Think “environmental”)

**Internal Assets:** motivation for school, caring attitude, integrity, honesty, shows restraint, delays sexual activity, shows empathy, peaceful conflict, believes in themselves. (Think “values and principles”)

***Assets determine children’s outcome***

* **11%** 31-40 assets (<1% drug use)
* **13%** 0-10 assets (41% drug use) (42% suicidal)
* **37%** 21-30 assets (15% drug use) (11% suicidal)
* **39%** 11-20 assets (21% drug use) (26% suicidal)

***The average number of assets a teen has is 18.***

**Who gives kids assets?** If a kid has an asset, it’s because a caring adult gave it to them.

1. **Invest** assets into our kids.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Impress them on your children**. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

1. **Influence** of media.

(Proverbs 4:23)

“Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it.”

1. **Importance** of home and family.

We can create a culture in our home **stronger** than the culture deceiving our kids.

Parents: do not give your spiritual authority away to others. **Be a parent of faith and confidence.**

God is not looking for perfect parents. He's looking for **courageous** and **faithful** parents who are willing, with **repentant and humble hearts**, to pass on a legacy of redemption, holiness and wisdom.