

# Labored in Vain?

## Support for Families with Prodigals

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- Jesus' Power Dominates (v. 28-29)

- Jesus Identified:

The One, True and Living God of Israel- Distinguishes Him from all false gods (Gen. 14:18-20; Num. 24:16; Deut. 32:8; Ps. 18:13; 21:7; Is. 14:14; Dan. 3:26; Lk. 1:32; Heb. 7:1)

- Jesus' Power Brings Freedom (v. 29)

- The demons knew they could not move or act without Jesus' permission.
- Jesus, The Judge of Demons (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 9,12, 20)
- Stand Firm in Full Armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-14a)
- Hard Work + Strong Faith + Discipleship = Salvation for My Kid?!

Deterministic Parenting says that faithful parenting determines my kid's spiritual health

- Jesus' Power Brings Peace (v. 35)

- Jesus' Power Transforms (v. 39)

- Application

- We can request sermons or create small groups to address those dealing with the same pain - Ps. 73
- Don't focus on parental fault, but instead, be compassionate and loving as you walk alongside them in this spiritual warfare - Gal 6:2; Matt 5:1-12
- Counsel parents wisely that Jesus bore our shame and that salvation is in the Lord - Heb 12:2