

OSERIES: PREPARING CHILDREN FOR LIFE

#1709: Trigger Safe.

What are your child's triggers and how can you avoid them?

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NIV=New International Version

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Jesus is teaching about:

- What happens when we stumble
- How to respond when others make us stumble
- How to stop it the scandalous cycle of offense

1. What Happens- THE SCANDELOUS OFFENSE

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2. How we respond - THE BEAUTY OF FORGIVENESS

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3. How to stop the cycle -

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What we can Do:

1. **As a Parent, let’s model forgiveness the way we’ve been forgiven.**
 - The best gift we can give our families are great marriages.

2. **Sit with your kids and talk about social boundaries**
 - a. **Dating**
 - b. **Education**

3. **Husbands, sit with your family and lead them spiritually**
 - a. **Start with the simple gospel daily (4G’s)**
GOOD/GRACE/GIFT/GRADITUDE

4. ***Give Jesus your yes now, and watch your faith grow like mustard plants.***