

# ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE™

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-8

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Because of sin, culture has made sexuality an idol and condones sex based on opinions not grounded in biblical truth. Pornography—which is so readily accessible today—turns people into objects and cheapens God’s gift of sex. The battle of pornography must be fought in the mind and body. This is a daily battle where victory comes only by surrendering to the authority of Christ in every area of life. Jesus can heal the heart and mind and bring freedom to those trapped in this addiction.

### PRESCHOOL



#### 2 CORINTHIANS 1; 12

**LIVE IT OUT:** Involve your child in inviting a family to church. Choose a friend or neighbor who does not normally attend church or someone who is new to the area.

Paul was a missionary who traveled many places to tell about Jesus. One place he went to was the city of Corinth. People had a church where they worshiped God and learned more about Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to his friends. This is some of what Paul wrote.

“We should always thank God for His love and care. Because God cares for us, we should care for other people.

“We should not boast about anything we do but only about what God has done for us. God has made many great things happen to me, but I will not boast about them. In fact, I have been given a painful weakness. I prayed to God three times to remove this weakness. But God replied, ‘My grace is enough for you. I will show strength through your weakness.’ So I always thank God for my weakness.

“I will always thank God for you. I hope to visit you soon.”

### KIDS



#### 2 CORINTHIANS 1; 12

**LIVE IT OUT:** Ask your child to think of and write down the names of 3 people he could invite to church. Encourage him to think of people who do not go to church and need to hear about Jesus.

From: Paul, an apostle of Jesus and from Timothy  
To: The church in Corinth

God is so good. He comforts us when we have troubles. He wants us to comfort others the way we have been comforted.

When we were in Asia, we feared we would die. We chose to trust in God instead of ourselves. You can help us by praying for us.

Remember that we have always lived truthfully before you.

God has given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We should not boast about ourselves. We should boast about what God can do.

I asked God three times to make me well. Instead, He said, “My grace is sufficient for you.”

I am excited about coming to you. I will not be a burden. I am coming to build you up and encourage you. I will be sad for those who have sinned but not repented.

### STUDENTS



#### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-8

**THE POINT:** We should work to keep any sin from alienating us from God.

- Talk to your student about pornography and the importance of protecting his/her mind.

Discuss the following quote:  
“Sexual images are inherently powerful and have emotional

content. As such, pornography forces itself on the brain. Whether one consents or not, pornography becomes a part of the fabric of the mind.”<sup>1</sup> —William M. Struthers

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If your student plans to complete **Accountable**:*

- Encourage your student to have an Internet accountability partner.
- Talk to your student about precautions to put in place to protect him/her from harmful sites.

*If your student plans to complete **Media Fast**:*

- Encourage your students to complete the media fast for all seven days.
- Consider fasting with your student from all forms of media for seven days.

1. William M. Struthers, “The Effects of Porn on the Male Brain,” Christian Research Journal, volume 34, number 05 (2011), [cited 5 May 2014]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.equip.org>.