

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Share whether you are a planner or if you tend to be more spontaneous. You probably already know where your son or daughter falls on this spectrum as well, but take the time to ask them and give them a chance to share. There are advantages and disadvantages to both. While planners are more likely to be prepared in the event of unforeseen circumstances, those who tend to be spontaneous are more likely to roll with the punches when things don't go their way. Whether you are a planner or not, there is one event that all followers of Christ must prepare carefully for—the return of Christ. While we would all like to know the hour of Christ's return, God has deliberately withheld this information from us. Rather than tell us the hour of Christ's return, God has concealed that information from us in order to encourage us to live with eager expectation of His return, always preparing for the inevitable day when Christ returns to finally establish His kingdom.

Spend some time in prayer together. Thank God for His coming return and ask Him to help you live with eager expectation of His coming. We should be diligent in sharing the gospel with those who do not know Him as Lord and Savior. Ask your son or daughter how you can pray for them and their friends who may or may not know the Lord.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Jesus is coming and He calls us to live with eager expectation of His return.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Rather than trying to speculate when Christ will return, this passage tells us we should continue to focus on Kingdom priorities until He returns. Think about where God might be calling you to serve and what areas of your life you need to give Him full control of.
- › **Memorize:** Matthew 24:48
- › **Pray:** Examine your heart and be sure you are prepared for the day of Christ's return. Thank God that this world is not all there is. Pray that God would help you live with eager expectation of Christ's return. Ask Him to help you be diligent to read and study His Word and to share His love with those who do not yet know Him as their Savior and Lord.