



**Child Makeover - Part 2**  
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**Psalm 127**

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Jesus said it this way:

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” (Matthew 6:25-27)*

This is a tough one to live out! Although I have never personally been a parent, I have seen and worked with many, including many here at Banwell. Perhaps the most telling of these situations is when a mom and dad choose to entrust their precious little one over to the care of the volunteers in our church nursery for the first time. Oh, how the strings of your heart are tugged if your little one begins to whimper at being handed over to that caregiver. With all your being you want to be there for that little one to provide for their needs as only you know how, because you know them so well, for they are a part of you. You want to protect them from the fear of the unknown, or a feeling of abandonment by mom or dad. Yet you know that this too is a part of life, and what is best for their growing. You are assured that your little one is being entrusted to well trained and dedicated, albeit human, volunteers who only wish the best for you and your child. Yet ... there is still that desire, or need almost to go and take a peek, just to see for yourself that all is well.



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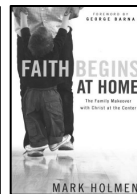
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Are you trying to drive the ship of your child's life, or have you truly released the wheel? Or, let me ask it this way. In what area of your child's life do you need to give control to God?

Neil and Kate, a couple in the last church I was in, had a son named Timmy. Every week they would bring Timmy to the church nursery intent on entrusting him to the caring volunteers there. Yet, every week without fail, as mom and dad would leave, Timmy would begin to cry, and oh the truly excruciating pain you could see and feel within those parents. Try as they did, they just could not release Timmy to be cared for by others. That was until one day, when, just by coincidence one of our male volunteers was scheduled to serve. On that particular day, Timmy found a buddy he connected with and he was off and playing in no time, totally oblivious to Kate and Neil who quietly slipped out and then ... waited, and waited, and waited some more, expecting that at any moment Timmy would realize that they were gone, and would then certainly begin to cry out for them. But, the cry never came, though Kate sat outside that nursery door through the entire service, and the next week as well. By the third week Timmy was able to be passed off by mom and dad with only the briefest of exchanges between parents and caregivers. Neil and Kate now understood that it was God who would provide and protect their little Timmy.

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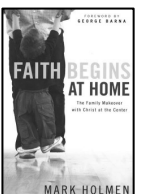
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