



**FAMILY CHALLENGE**  
**DAY 4: Shooting Your Arrows**

**SCRIPTURE**

*"Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth" (Psalm 127:4)*

**DEVOTIONAL**

God intends that godly parents should be raising godly sons and daughters and grandchildren who will be a light in the darkness and take the gospel of Christ into this corrupt, fallen, hurting and lost world. Our burden, then, for our children and grandchildren should be to prepare them to fulfill this purpose for their lives in this generation.

So, give your children a vision that God has a special purpose for their lives and His Kingdom. Sticks aren't arrows by nature so they must be carefully shaped and sharpened into arrows. And they must be aimed in the right direction to be effective. Children are the same. This shaping, sharpening, and aiming of our children requires diligent effort.

But arrows don't remain in the quiver! They are created to be propelled out into the world to fill their God-given purpose. So, when the time comes, release your children to the will of God. Don't pressure your child to live nearby if God wants to send them to another part of the world or country to serve Him. Don't discourage your child if he or she is sensing to be used of God in a way that would not bring a great income. God calls us to live by faith.

## **REFLECT AND RESPOND**

- Ask God to give you His wisdom in shaping and sharpening your arrows.
- What are you doing to instill in your children a vision for how God wants to use them to fulfill His purposes for their lives in this generation?

## **PRAYER**

Thank You, Father, that we can pour out our hearts like water before You and come to You for the life our children (Lamentations 2:19). As parents stir our hearts that our focus and efforts would not be centered on our children living the American dream. Give us a heart that truly cares that our children live to fulfill Your purpose for their generation.

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