

YOUTH/PARENT RELATIONSHIPS

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After spending about 500 hours reading through a stack of key books Richard Ross discovered several key things about “youth parent relationships” every youth worker should be aware of. Below are the findings of this research, and as result of this study, Richard is conducting a **“Turning Hearts Tour”**. The purpose of this tour is to help turn the hearts of parents and youth to each other. Based on Malachi 4:6

- Parents and teenagers can keep warm and close relationships all the way through adolescence. There is no mysterious development process that requires them to drift apart.
- A warm and close relationship between parent and teenager is essential for spiritual impact to flow from one generation to the next.
- The majority of church parents and teenagers are carrying pain and injury from the people n their household.
- Relationships are not going to improve much and spiritual impact will not begin flowing much until injury is forgiven and pain washed away.
- Most church parents do not know some of the basics of good parenting, and thus are simply reproducing the failed practices of their own parents.
- Most church teenagers do not know some of the basics of living with parents, and thus are experiencing pain and causing pain in family members.
- Parents are more willing to begin teaching truth to their children than most student leaders have assumed. They just don't know how.
- Students are far more impacted by truth taught by parents than by volunteer adults at church.
- Families can take major, life-altering steps toward forgiveness and restoration in a brief period together.
- Family members can absorb and then begin living out new principles of family life in a brief period.
- Parents can be called out and ordained to begin teaching truth to their teenagers in a brief time together.