



# Vantage Point

You were made for Him – fully known and truly loved!

**September 2015**

## Personal Message from Eric Johnson, M.Div.

Thank you for your investment in Jenny and me. Here are a few things that are happening:

- 100+ adults meeting weekly
- 12 groups for maturing in biblical faith
- Dozens of contacts with adults for counseling, discipleship, or evangelism

Our mission seeks to extend God's grace to all adults helping them to explore and mature in their faith. For believing adults the front lines of evangelism will be first the family and then the workplace. We believe one aspect of maturity in faith for adults is their responsibilities for helping their children understand biblical faith. A Family Research Council survey found:

- If a child is the first in the family to become a Christian, there's a 3.7% probability that the rest of the family will become Christian.
- If mom is the first in the family to become a Christian, there's a 17% probability that the rest of the family will follow.
- If dad is the first in the family to become a Christian, there's a 93% probability that all in the family will follow.

We believe that reaching this generation and the next is in extending God's grace to adults in evangelism and discipleship. One pastor wrote, **"Making disciples begins in the home, and parents are the missionaries!"**

Thank you.

Eric Johnson, M.Div.

## This Month's Gospel Message

On one occasion, parents were bringing their children to Jesus so that He might touch them, but His disciples rebuked them. "But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.... And He took them in His arms and blessed them.'"

Jesus spoke about believing parents who were committed to Him and brought their children to Him in public. They were seeking spiritual blessing. That blessing was the blessing of the King. These parents wanted their children to know, love, believe, serve, worship, and trust Jesus. However, the disciples stood in their way. They hindered these parents from bringing their children to Him.

Jesus encouraged these parents and any parent, when He said, "to such belong the Kingdom of God." He spoke of those who are of the same kind – who have believing parents seeking spiritual blessing for their children. Furthermore, He honored His Father by His willingness to go to a cross and experience separation from His Father. After three days, His Father raised Him from the dead so that we might become His family.

Parents face many obstacles today on this:

- They're too busy.
- Their culture mocks it.
- They've heard these are the survival years.
- They've no rapport talking with their kids about spiritual things.
- They feel unqualified.
- They don't think their kids will understand.
- Their lives betray their beliefs.
- They feel that talking about faith will sound like a lecture.
- They think only the experts can do it.

Our mission seeks to help parents come to genuine faith, and to recognize the tremendous opportunity they have to share their faith and even disciple their children.

One parent started a "Five Minute Club" with his three popular teenage sons and their friends. They meet once a week at McDonald's to check in on what God is saying to each of them during their commitment of daily 5-minute reading of the Scriptures. They all have been richly blessed.

We are helping adults in our ministry to begin praying, sharing, and talking about their faith with their children and their families. Please consider joining us!

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## Mission Update

*Adult Life is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit ministry relying on private support — and your generosity. Your gifts are investments in the biblical counseling, discipleship, and evangelism of people who may have little hope, and need more faith. Please consider joining us now with a monthly investment. Adult Life is now doing business as Vantage Point Ministries – Enjoying Life from the Vantage Point of God’s Grace. Use the enclosed coupon and envelope and make checks payable to “Vantage Point” or “Adult Life.”*

*Thank you! We are blessed by your friendship and support.*

*Eric Johnson, M.Div.*

## Social Media

We are now on the web at [adultlifeinc.org](http://adultlifeinc.org) with much appreciation to Arati Yukich.



We are also on Facebook at Adult Life, Inc with much thanks to J.J. Bromwell. Blogs are arriving soon. Check us out.



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## Prayer for local mission with adults...

Eric and Jenny Johnson

Extending God’s grace to all adults and helping them explore and mature in faith

Men and Women meeting in small groups will grow in grace

Counseling Clients will experience His power, love, and resurrection

Eric’s doctorate work on evangelism in the church

Thankful for your partnership in this important ministry with adults

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