Title	Building Faith Within the Family
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In Singapore, Bible teachers and church leaders have observed a troubling trend: churched youths, some as young as 10, are expressing unbelief in God and the Bible. Despite attending Sunday school for years, many reject Christianity in favour of a secular, naturalistic, evolutionary worldview. This raises an important question—how did this happen?

This presentation aims to explore the key reasons behind this shift and offer practical solutions to equip the next generations with strong biblical foundations. To understand the root cause, we must first examine what a worldview is and how it shapes a person's beliefs, actions and decision-making. A worldview is a map of our beliefs and thoughts that directs our behaviours. The foundational question—"What is reality"—dictates the direction of all other beliefs. While a biblical worldview sees God as the foundation and creator of reality, a naturalistic worldview rejects divine authority and existence.

Three major factors contribute to the rise of unbiblical worldviews among church youths:

- 1. What the children are taught in school, especially the secular, evolutionary worldview.
- 2. How the church has responded to these unbiblical worldviews. Historically, the church has taken three approaches:
  - a. Surrender the Truth: Accept secular science as superior to the Bible, undermining faith in God's Word.
  - b. Accommodate and Reinterpret the Truth: Attempt to merge the evolutionary worldview with Scripture, which leads to redefining and reinterpreting the text of the Bible.
  - c. Counterattack the Falsehoods: Defend biblical truth by exposing the anti-God presuppositions of secular science and building faith-based scientific models.
- 3. The lack of proper and intentional biblical training within the family and the church.

Why does all this matter? Some Christians think teaching and believing in a literal Genesis is irrelevant. They think only the gospel is important. But the first book of the Bible lays the foundational pieces of the gospel. Genesis describes Creation, The Fall, the origin of Sin, God's judgment and the need for a Saviour.

Without a belief in Genesis as a literal historical account, the gospel loses its foundation. If Christians reject, reinterpret or analogise Genesis and treat it as pseudo-history, they destroy the basis of Christ's redemptive work and the consistency of Scripture. Many churched youths have realised this and as a result dismissed the Bible and the Christian faith altogether.

To have a correct understanding of our need for the Saviour, it begins with a correct understanding of the Scriptures that God gave mankind. And a correct understanding of God's Word results in a biblical worldview that can push back against the unbelieving, God-rejecting naturalistic worldview that surrounds our children. We conclude with advice on what Christian parents can do to help

themselves and their children gain a proper God-honouring biblical worldview that leads to faith.		
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