

CHAPTER FOUR A Growing Team: The In-Law Equation

RECAP

- “Every family finds its own rhythms and traditions. There’s absolutely nothing wrong with your children spending a Christmas Day or Thanksgiving in their homes creating memories for their children to cherish. Never feel short-changed if a child’s holiday or vacation only touches you from a distance. When you give your children the freedom to live fully on their own, there will inevitably come rich shared times as well.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- To what extent did God really mean, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife.”?
- The author’s father-in-law had a good understanding of this scriptural role. “He was always there when I needed him, but he never butted in.” How do you deal with it when that is not the case?
- When family traditions (holidays, vacations, etc.) of parents conflict with new traditions of the next generation, what should be the response of the older and the younger?
- As parents-in-law, the author declared “we live out those roles at our children’s invitation.” What does that mean to you? Do you agree with the statement?