5 Conversations You Must Have With Your Son

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Synopsis
From the cradle to college, tell your sons the truth about life before they believe the culture's lies. For parents with boys newborn to eighteen, 5 Conversations You Must Have with Your Son will be as much a part of the boyhood journey as those Legos you’re still finding under the sofa cushions and the garage full of sports equipment. Award-winning youth culture commentator Vicki Courtney helps moms and dads pinpoint and prepare the discussions that should be ongoing in a boy’s formative years. Fully addressing the dynamic social and spiritual issues and other influencers at hand, several chapters are written for each of the conversations, which are: 1. Don't define manhood by the culture’s wimpy standards; it’s okay to be a man! 2. What you don't learn to conquer may become your master. 3. Not everyone’s doing it! (And other naked truths about sex you won't hear in the locker room.) 4. Boyhood is only for a season. P.S. It’s time to grow up! 5. Godly men are in short supply—dare to become one! The book also offers invaluable tips on having these conversations across the various stages of development: five and under, six to eleven, and twelve and up.

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Customer Reviews
Vicki Courtney does not describe herself as a teen expert. She does not have a degree in childhood development. These aside, however, her experiences as a mother gives her the motivation to learn and share, making this title an authentic read. Most people do not go through parenting training before having a child. There are certifications for handling food, driving, teaching, and even training for employment, but parenting does not have any prerequisites. Maybe this is a mistake, but moving
past that point, every parent, as a result, has to go through the experience of learning how to be the best parent they can be or at least that's what every parent should do. Raising boys and girls are two different challenges altogether. They are practically different species in how opposite they are. Courtney uses practical humor in her writing of this book to help illustrate the challenges parents, and specifically moms, face raising boys. But despite those challenges of testosterone and crazy stunts, the issue isn't the little things that make the experience worth living, but rather making sure your boys know the truths about life before the culture can influence them with falsities. What lies need to be addressed? In this book, five simple ones: (i) do not define manhood by society's standards, but know that it's okay to be a man; (ii) learn how to conquer issues so that they don't master you; (iii) not everyone is having sex, (iv) learn how to grow up, and (v), how to become a godly man. Each of these five sections are broken down to several chapters that clarify the discussion for parents. Courtney's writing is well-versed and humorous, laced with strong truths that I find highly important for parents to know as well.

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