



Families Seeing Importance of Friendships

Transcript

Susan: The other thing, too, is that I don't think we can underestimate how families have been incredibly hurt by society's reaction to their sons and daughters. And from the time the child is born instead of celebrating oftentimes people are grieving and people say some pretty cruel things that stay with the family and so it makes sense for them to sometimes close down and 'batten down the hatches' so to speak, just first of all not to be hurt, but also to keep their son and daughter safe.

And I found myself that there are all kinds of opportunities for parents to hear other stories, to be inspired, to sort of have that paradigm shift in thinking where they realize that not only is this really important for their son or daughter to have friends, but that yes, the community can be welcoming and that there is a joy in offering hospitality and receiving hospitality from others and once that paradigm shift has taken place, the whole world changes for the son or daughter.

