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Everybody loves a great story. It's just that few of us want to live it.

Great stories involve conflict. Think about the movies you watch and novels you read. When it comes to the story of good versus evil, there is always a struggle.

As a parent, I want to see those outcomes in my kids' lives. I just don't want the drama. I wish my day would be as adversity-free as possible. I mean, seriously, who wakes up in the morning praying for a struggle? Not me.

I wonder if sometimes in families we work so hard at finding peace, calm, normalcy, and harmony that we miss the conflict we need to have—when someone's in trouble. When someone's making bad choices. When someone's struggling.

Part of me wants to ignore . . . the swatting of the sibling. the fact that my toddler won't eat

anything other than chicken fingers (we lived through that . . . twice).

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Because I really don't want the drama. I really don't want the fight.

To ignore is always easier than to engage. But maybe as parents, we need some fight in us. Not to fight with our kids . . . but to fight for them. That's what heroes do.

And maybe that's what God is calling you, as a parent, to do today.

On the other side of worthy conflict is transformation . . . character that grew . . . faith that was stretched . . . gratitude that someone cared enough to confront . . . progress. I know it's hard.

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