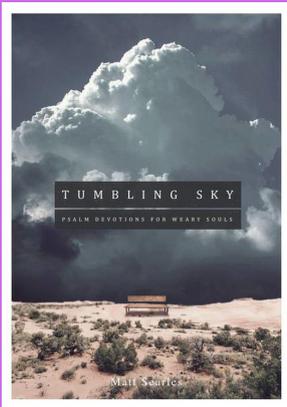


# FAMILY CHAT

a monthly newsletter for parents at Christ Church

## BOOK OF THE MONTH TUMBLING SKY (BY MATT SEARLES)



- an adult book with 34 undated devotionals for weary souls
- ideal for those feeling like life is tough at the moment
- start the day reading a psalm and a short reflection

## #linkofthemoth

BLOG: DISCIPLING KIDS IS A  
LONG GAME OF SMALL  
INTERACTIONS



- short blog post by an experienced parent/children's worker!
- an encouragement to parents that we can make a difference to our children's spiritual walk
- an encouragement to be realistic in what to expect of our children

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/discipling-kids-small-interactions/>

Read one book a month.

Focus on a passion I have.

Give one compliment a day.

Drink the daily recommended amount of water.

Finally buy a reusable coffee cup.

Any of these New Year's Resolutions sounds familiar? Or maybe you're more of a generalist... "this year I'm gonna do more exercise and eat better!" January the first feels like an age away already(!) But there certainly is something wise in stopping and reflecting on life. What do we actually want in our life? What do we want for this next year? What do we want for our whole life? I'm sure we'd have a mixture of answers for these questions. Let me ask one more. What do we deeply want for our children?

Financial security? A well suited spouse? Success in the world of work? Academic or sporting success? A good friendship group at school? All good things that I'd say I want for my own little boy! Let me encourage you, though, to think even bigger! Look further ahead than the end of this year. Or even further than a whole lifetime. What about deep into eternity?

One of the most famous verses in the bible says this:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

This new year, don't forget how amazing this offer is. Don't forget how good it is! Jesus is saying that those who follow him really will live forever! As parents, this is an amazing thing that we can hold out to our children, to pray for them to know this, and to excitedly tell them about!

With love and prayers

Tom

**Dinnertime Discussion:** If they're old enough to understand, parents ask your children: What do you think is the most important thing that I want for you?