

A lone, gnarled tree with dense green foliage stands on a rocky, moss-covered cliff. The tree's trunk is dark and twisted, leaning slightly to the right. The cliff face is rugged, with patches of green moss and small plants. In the background, a vast, misty valley stretches out, with rolling hills and a small body of water visible in the distance. The sky is overcast and grey, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

# **Journey: Navigating the Parenthood**



## **Ephesians 6:4**

***Fathers, do not exasperate your children;  
instead, bring them up in the training and  
instruction of the Lord.***

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## **Stages of Child Development**

**By Dorothy Sayers**

- **The roots: Ages 1-11: Poll Parrot Stage (Grammar)**
- **The trunk, branches, leaves: Ages 12-14: Pert Stage (Dialectic)**
- **The acorns/fruit: Ages 14-19: Poetic Stage (Rhetoric stage)**

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- ***Repair*** wounded relationships.



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## Recommended resources

- **Top Choice) God's Story of Calling, freeing, disciplining, and loving the Israelites**
- **A) Dr. Laura Markham- Peaceful parenting**
- **B) Townsend and Cloud - Boundaries/freedom how-to's**
- **C) Danny Silk - Loving on Purpose**
- **D) Dr. Purvis - Trust Based relational intervention (TBRI) foster/adoptive**
- **E) The Baby Whisperer - newborn personalities and training babies!**