



Burnett Avenue Baptist Church
 Bible Study
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**“Boys Will Be Boys and
 Girls Will Be Girls”
 John 10:10**

Jonathan Haidt’s Four Foundational Harms:

1. _____ Deprivation.
2. _____ Deprivation.
3. _____ Fragmentation.
4. _____.

Girls Will Be Girls: Chapter 6 Insights Key Arguments about Girls

- Haidt emphasizes that social media has a stronger _____ impact on teenage girls than on boys. Platforms like Instagram foster relentless social _____, _____, and expose girls more frequently to relational _____ (e.g., online exclusion and gossip) .
- Emotional contagion and validation traps: Girls tend to share and receive emotionally charged feedback more intensely, amplifying _____ and emotional _____ .
- Underlying mechanisms: Visual-centric platforms reinforce _____ and _____; girls’ relational styles interact with design features to heighten emotional _____ .

How Scripture Leads Us to Connect with our Girls

1. Affirm Girls Intrinsic _____ Psalm 139:14
2. Cultivate beauty that honors God and reflects genuine _____ 1 Samuel 16:7

How can we help our Girls?

- For parents/mentors: Encourage times of _____ sabbath—a regular pause from social media to cultivate real-world _____ and spiritual _____ .

- For Faith Communities: Celebrate inner _____ (kindness, compassion, faithfulness) over outward _____. Cultivate understanding in the areas digital literacy and emotional resilience.

Boys Will Be Boys: Chapter 7 Key Arguments about Boys

- Jonathan Haidt examines how boys are uniquely affected by the “phone-based childhood.”
- Rather than being drawn into social media, many boys retreat into solitary screen activities such as video gaming and consuming adult content which can stunt _____ development, _____ motivation, and hinder emotional _____ .
- This withdrawal from the physical, relational world contributes to problems such as frailty in forming _____, loss of _____ to community, and what some call a “failure to launch” into engaging adulthood .

How Scripture Leads Us To Connect with Boys

1. Intentionally Cultivate _____, _____, and _____ depth. Proverbs 22:6
2. Encourage Boys to pursue _____ and _____.

How can we help our boys?

- For parents and mentors: Encourage group activities that blend _____-building, _____, and _____.
- Model healthy use of _____—schedule screen-free gatherings, meals, or outdoor fun that invite presence and engagement.
- For faith communities: Launch intentional initiatives like to connect with boys on vocational exploration, digital habits, purpose, and character.