



## **LAUGHED AT, LEFT OUT, LOCKED OUT: When Your Faith Isn't Welcomed in Your Children's Home**

*"Do all you can to preach the gospel and if necessary use words."*  
—St. Francis of Assisi

Nothing will open Pandora's Box quicker than sharing your Christian Faith at family get togethers.

When I was growing up, there was a saying: "If you want to keep friends, never discuss race, politics or religion."

So, should we keep the gospel under wraps to keep the peace? If our children forbid us to talk about Jesus to our grandkids, should we obey them?

### **Grandparents laughed At, Left Out, Locked Out**

According to Alienated Grandparents Anonymous, millions of American grandparents are barred from being with their grandkids.

<https://alienatedgrandparentsanonymous.com/>

A nationwide study revealed that 28% of U.S. adults have left the faith in which they were raised. [study: 28%25 of us have left childhood religions](#). Many of these adults don't want their parents to share with their children the Faith they've abandoned. On top of that, four out of ten U.S. adults are now in interfaith marriages. [Analysis Of Interfaith Marriage Good Essays](#). In many of these unions, the daughter-in-law or son-in-law insists that *their* children be raised in *their* nonchristian religion. Most

likely, they will not welcome Christian grandparents evangelizing their kids.

As a result you may be:

**Laughed at:**

**Left out:**

**Locked out:**

## **What Can You Do When You [or Your Faith] are Locked Out?**

1. **Understand that being laughed at, left out, and locked out goes with the territory.** [Matthew 10:38; Luke 9:33; Matthew 10:34-36; Matthew 5:12]
  
2. **Don't go along to get along.** [Matthew 10:37-39; Matthew 12:32; Matthew 27:54]
  
3. **Do a fact check on the ways you've been sharing your faith.** [Matthew 5:10; Psalm 139:24]
  
4. **Deal with childhood wounds left in your adult kids.** [James 1:19]  
  
Studies show that many grandparents are barred from grandkids because their adult children still harbor childhood resentments. [Conflicts That Can Lead to Grandparent Estrangement](#). Sometimes, they are just unwilling to entrust their children to the care of those who hurt them when they were kids.
  
5. **Remember, their salvation isn't dependent on you.** [1 Corinthians 3:6-9]
  
6. **Finally, pray, pray, pray, and then pray some more.** [Ephesians 6:18; James 4:2]