

Build a Strong Family

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God created family first, even before He created any organization. The family is designed to fulfill many roles: to procreate and to fill the earth (Genesis 1:27-28), for us to understand relationships and unity (Genesis 2:24-25), to function as one of the channels of God's love (Genesis 12:1-3), to disciple and pass on a godly legacy (Deuteronomy 6:7-9), and ultimately, to glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Let us take a look at God's command to Moses in Deuteronomy 6, for this is also His will for each family. As the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, where they would encounter people of a different culture, God commanded Moses to teach families what to do (vv.1-9). God gave these reminders to His people to prepare them, because they will face enemies in the land. Just like them, our families today are under attack. This has been happening since the beginning with the families of Adam and Eve (Cain killed Abel), Abraham (had a son by his mistress), and Solomon (had many wives that led him to worship other gods). Just like them, our families are imperfect, but we can definitely learn from them. All of us want a strong family; we want a happy home to belong to. The good news is, God also wants to make your 'fam' strong!

Founded on God's Truth

A family cannot be strong if its foundation is weak. Your foundation impacts your decisions and relationships. If God is our foundation, we will love God, study and meditate on His Word (Deuteronomy 6:4-6, Psalm 1:1-3). With this, we will have a strong and secure family, not easily swayed, and will not drift away to follow the world's ways.

Daniel was one of the young, noble Israelites taken into exile in Babylon (Daniel 1:3-4). They were to be taught the language and culture of the Babylonians, including eating food offered to Babylonian gods (v.5). These youths were given new identities, and names to remove their Jewish identity (vv 5-7). But Daniel and his friends did not give in to what would defile them (v.8). Later in his life, Daniel still stood by his beliefs, continuing to worship God even under threat of his life (Daniel 6:10).

Today we are also bombarded by ideologies forcing us to change our culture and identity. God uses His word to change us; breakthroughs and healing in our family cannot happen apart from the word of God at work in us (Hebrews 4:12). Let us immerse ourselves in God's word and we will say no to the world!

Apply God's Truth

Most families struggle to apply God's truth. One of the hindrances in building a strong family is the lack of integrity in the family. Too often, parents say one thing but do the opposite. This results in the justification of wrong behavior in the children. It destroys trust and develops bitterness within the family. God commands us to do what He says and tests us if we will obey Him (Deuteronomy 8:1-2). Even difficult family members help us grow in our relationship with the Lord when we apply God's word (James 1:22-24). Like Daniel, we will be blessed and experience breakthroughs in our families if we are "doers" of God's word (Daniel 1:10-15). Most of God's amazing blessings happen when we obey.

Make God's Truth Known

Our families exist for a purpose, and we are to be a blessing to other families, as Abraham was through his descendant, Jesus Christ (Genesis 12:2-3). Similarly, God wants other people to see our family centered in Christ (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). The best inheritance we can give to our children is to teach them to love the Lord with all their hearts! God is the strongest foundation, and our families will be strong if we choose Him and serve Him as a family (Joshua 24:15). Our family cannot go against the tide if we are busy flowing with the tide. If we do not know God's direction for our families, then we are missing out.

Lastly, know that the family members that serve together, grow together. We are to make God's truth known to the world, and we do that by serving Him together as a family. Let each of our families be founded in God's truth, be ready to apply God's truth, and eager to make God's truth known!

last week's memory verse

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

PSALM 1:1-2

discuss this message

What attacks from the enemy are you experiencing as a family?

What biblical truths do you need to apply to counter these attacks?

What are you doing as a family to constantly grow in your knowledge and love for God?

How can you serve the Lord together as a family?

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Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and
let's discuss about it.

Step Into the Community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Jehovah Jireh: Knowing the God of Providence

with Jireh de Jose

September 12, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

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September 13, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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A Single Man's Pursuit

September 14, Saturday

2:00 PM, CCF Center

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In Focus: Service in the Family

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

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Learn More About Our Faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

Stay tuned for the upcoming GLC training cycle this month!

GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday

10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday

1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday

1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: September 19, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Register & enroll here: linktr.ee/ccfglc

Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders

with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou

September 22 & 29, October 6, Sundays

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, 2/F New Building

Register: bit.ly/GLCPowerUp

Baptism Class and Rites

CLASS: September 15, Sunday, 1:30 PM

G/F New Building

RITEs: September 22, Sunday, 1:30 PM

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LAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE COUNTERFLOW!

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus
Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13*

Services at the CCF Center

Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
and 3:00 PM

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