

# S.E.E. Family as Jesus Does

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

According to Dr. James Dobson, "Nothing brings husbands, wives, and children together more effectively than a face-to-face encounter with the Creator of families." How do we have this encounter? We walk with Jesus and S.E.E. as Jesus does!

## Stand on God's Design (Mark 10:2-9, 13-16)

To understand Mark 10:2-9, it is important to know that the Pharisees were testing Jesus at a place known as Perea. Herod Antipas was the ruler of Perea, and John the Baptist (the cousin of Jesus) was previously arrested and beheaded for calling out his marriage and divorce. During that time, there were two groups of Pharisees who had different ideas on divorce: one saying that divorce is okay if the wife is caught with sexual immorality, the other saying it is okay for any given reason.

The Pharisees tested Jesus by asking Him if it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife — and if Jesus answered wrongfully, either one of the groups would hate Him or Herod Antipas would punish Him like John. Instead of answering the question, Jesus pointed them to Scripture and revealed the real issue of the Pharisees, which was the hardness of their hearts.

God's design for marriage is different than the world's:

God's Design	World's Design
between male and female only (v.6)	between anyone that the nation's law allows
transcending legal contracts (v.8)	bound primarily by legal contract
no man should separate (v.9)	man can separate where nation's law allows

Later on in verses 13-16, Jesus was very upset when His disciples rebuked parents for bringing their children to Him. In Roman society, children were treated like functional objects in their community. A father could even decide to kill his child for whatever reason. Instead of treating children as a nuisance, Jesus modeled a different way to treat them: He took the children in His arms and blessed them. Jesus portrayed a beautiful picture of tender

love, blessings, and affirmation as He had experienced from His Heavenly Father (Matthew 3:16-17).

Whatever is happening to our families right now, we need to know God's Word and STAND on HIS design.

## Evaluate Your Priorities (Luke 14:26)

Jesus, in another encounter with His disciples, said that if anyone comes to Him but does not "hate" his own family or his own life cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:26, Matthew 10:37). "Hate" in the Greek text means to love less by comparison, not to dislike or despise; meaning we are to love and prioritize Him above all, even over ourselves and our families.

Situation	Application
faith over family	choose God over family
"child-centric" parenting	prioritize marriage over children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fathers: model manhood to sons</li> <li>• mothers: model womanhood to daughters</li> <li>• older siblings: encourage and take care of younger siblings</li> </ul>
idolizing marriage	be content, wait for God's best, and do not compromise
idolizing having own children	be content, consider adoption, and do not compromise

## Embrace a Larger Family (Matthew 12:48-50)

John 1:12 says, "But to all who believed in Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God", yet in Matthew 12:48-50, Jesus made no mention of God having grandchildren. We are all children of God and He is our Father, and we need to adopt a broader perspective knowing we have a spiritual family.

Are you part of God's family? Come to Jesus! Believe in what He has done for you on the cross, surrender your life to Him as your Lord and Savior, and be part of God's family. S.E.E. family as Jesus does and watch what God will do as He transforms you and gives you the boldness and the courage to overcome challenges in your family life!



### last week's memory verse

For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother

MATTHEW 12:50

### discuss this message

How does Jesus' teaching about family challenge your current views on family, marriage, and relationships?

What are some ways you can keep Jesus as your main focus, even when family life is busy?

How can you demonstrate love and care for your spiritual family in the church this week?

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# About the GIFT...

Come to the Welcome Center!

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### Precious in His Sight: From Cinderella to a Princess (I am Righteous in Jesus' Eyes)

with Bea Moral

October 10, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### B1G Fridays

October 11, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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### MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN

#### A Father's Godly Legacy

October 19, Saturday

2:00 PM, CCF Center

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### NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### Outstanding: Setting an example for believers, even when we're young

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  
message us at [facebook.com/ccfnxtgen](https://www.facebook.com/ccfnxtgen) to sign up

ONLINE: Bible Lesson Video Premiere  
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### Be equipped with GLC!

GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One

ONSITE: October 6, Sunday, 10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: October 9, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

ONSITE: October 6, Sunday, 1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: October 9, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

ONSITE: October 6, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: October 10, Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders

with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou

NUTS AND BOLT, SESSION 2

October 6, Sunday, 7/F Gym

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

### Baptism Class and Rites

CLASS: October 13, Sunday, 1:30 PM

RITEs: October 20, Sunday, 1:30 PM  
G/F New Building

### How to Start a Dgroup Workshop

ONSITE: October 13, Sunday, 11:00 AM

ZOOM: October 14, Monday, 7:30 PM

Register here for the classes and events:

[linktr.ee/ccfglc](https://linktr.ee/ccfglc)

### Healing Hands Medical Ministry General Assembly

OPEN TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, PRACTITIONERS, AND SUPPLIERS

October 19, Saturday

11:00 AM, G/F New Building

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FOR F2F: [go.ccf.org.ph/HealingHandsGA](https://www.go.ccf.org.ph/HealingHandsGA)

FOR ZOOM: [go.ccf.org.ph/HHZoom](https://www.go.ccf.org.ph/HHZoom)

message them at [facebook.com/CCFMI.org.ph](https://www.facebook.com/CCFMI.org.ph) for any inquiries

### 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

## ccf SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER




### Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

### Sundays

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

### Online Livestream

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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