

# THANK GOD FOR FAMILIES

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**F.A.M.I.L.Y. IS A PLACE WHERE WE SHOULD...**

## **F** IND SAFETY FROM THE STORMS OF LIFE.

*"In despair and far from home I call to you! Take me to a safe refuge," (Psalm 61:2, GNB)*

*"My people will live in a peaceful place, in safe homes and quiet places of rest." (Isaiah 32:18, GW)*

## **A** SK TOUGH QUESTIONS.

*"And in the future, your children will ask you, 'What does all this mean?' Then you will tell them..." (Exodus 13:14, NLT)*

*"After arriving back home, his disciples cornered Jesus and asked, 'Why couldn't we throw the demon out?'" (Mark 9:28, The Message)*

## **M** AKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

*"'It's not right!' his father-in-law exclaimed. 'You're going to wear yourself out—and if you do, what will happen to the people? Moses, this job is too heavy a burden for you to try to handle all by yourself.'" (Exodus 18:16–19, The Living Bible)*

*"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22, NIV)*

## **I** NVEST IN A TEAM.

*"Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help." (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, NCV)*

*"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." (Philippians 2:2, NLT)*

## **L** EARN APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

*"I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should." (Psalm 101:2, The Living Bible)*

*“...Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12, NLT)*

**Y IELD OUR LIVES TO ONE ANOTHER.**

*“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21, NLT)*

*“For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:22, NLT)*

*“For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her” (Ephesians 5:25, NLT)*

*“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.” (Ephesians 6:1, NLT)*

**FAMILY DEDICATION**

*“Choose today whom you will serve...as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”  
(Joshua 24:15, NLT)*