



PURSUIT 24

In Pursuit of The Next
Generation

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Review

- What does it mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man
- Man's Pursuit of Sin
- In Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal
- In Pursuit of Endurance
- In Pursuit of Holiness
- In Pursuit of a Resurrected Life
- In Pursuit of Mastery of Gifting
- In Pursuit of Producing Fruit

Today



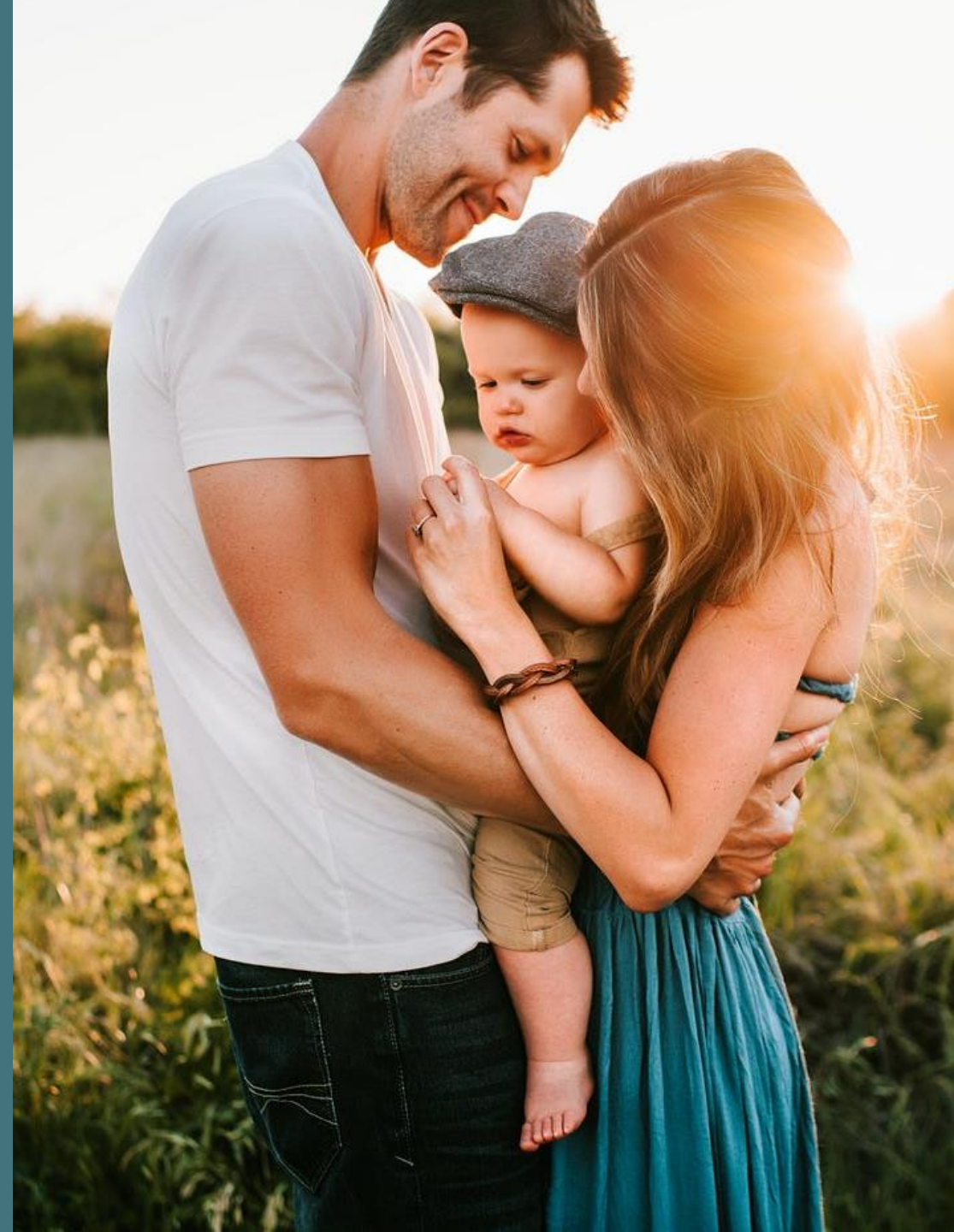


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- Aged Men: Πρεσβύτες presbutēs- an old man, an aged man, or a man of years and presumably wisdom.
- Aged Women: Πρεσβύτις presbutis an aged woman, or a woman of years and presumably wisdom.
- What is happening to our newest generations?
 - Gender Dysphoria
 - Racial Disputes and desire for retribution.
 - Detachment
 - Perceived rise in desire for communism or socialism.
 - Disrespectfulness

- According to Lumen Learning only 15% of Grandparents are described as being involved with their grandchildren.
- According to 2022 Census data 87% of children ages 5-17 were enrolled in public school. Good news, this is compared to 90.7% in 2012.
- According to Pew Research 69% of young adults say their parents are as involved in their lives day to day as they would like them to be.
- Screen Time/ day (16-24 7.5 hours, 25-34 7 hours, 35-44 6.5 hours, 45-54 6 hours)
 - Worldwide per person average 6.6 hours daily.
 - Nearly 41% of teens ages 13-18 have more than 8 hours of screen time per day.
 - That is 2920 hours a year or 121 full days.
 - If you lived to be 80 adjusting roughly for age variance that is roughly 8000 days for your life or almost 30 years.
 - And it is on the rise.
- According to the National Center for Biotechnical Information, only 52% of families eat together at the dinner table 5-7 nights a week, 31% eat 1-4 per week, while 14% do not eat together at all.



And we wonder...

- Depression is on the rise (Mostly for girls but also for boys. 16% or 4 million teens had at least one major depressive episode in 2022)
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people 10-24 which accounts for 14% of all suicides. That accounts for an increase of 6.8% per 100,000 between 2018 and 2000.
- In a 2018 gallop poll 51% of Americans 18-29 have a positive view of socialism.

It begs the question... what happened?





We let go of the wheel

We surrendered our children to be educated by lesser men and women.

We focused on making them feel good in church instead of teaching them truth.

We engaged less and self absorbed more.

We did not teach them the joy of Christ and the peace that comes from a life devoted to him.

We abandoned parents for our retirements.

We ignored the older generation because they didn't know things.

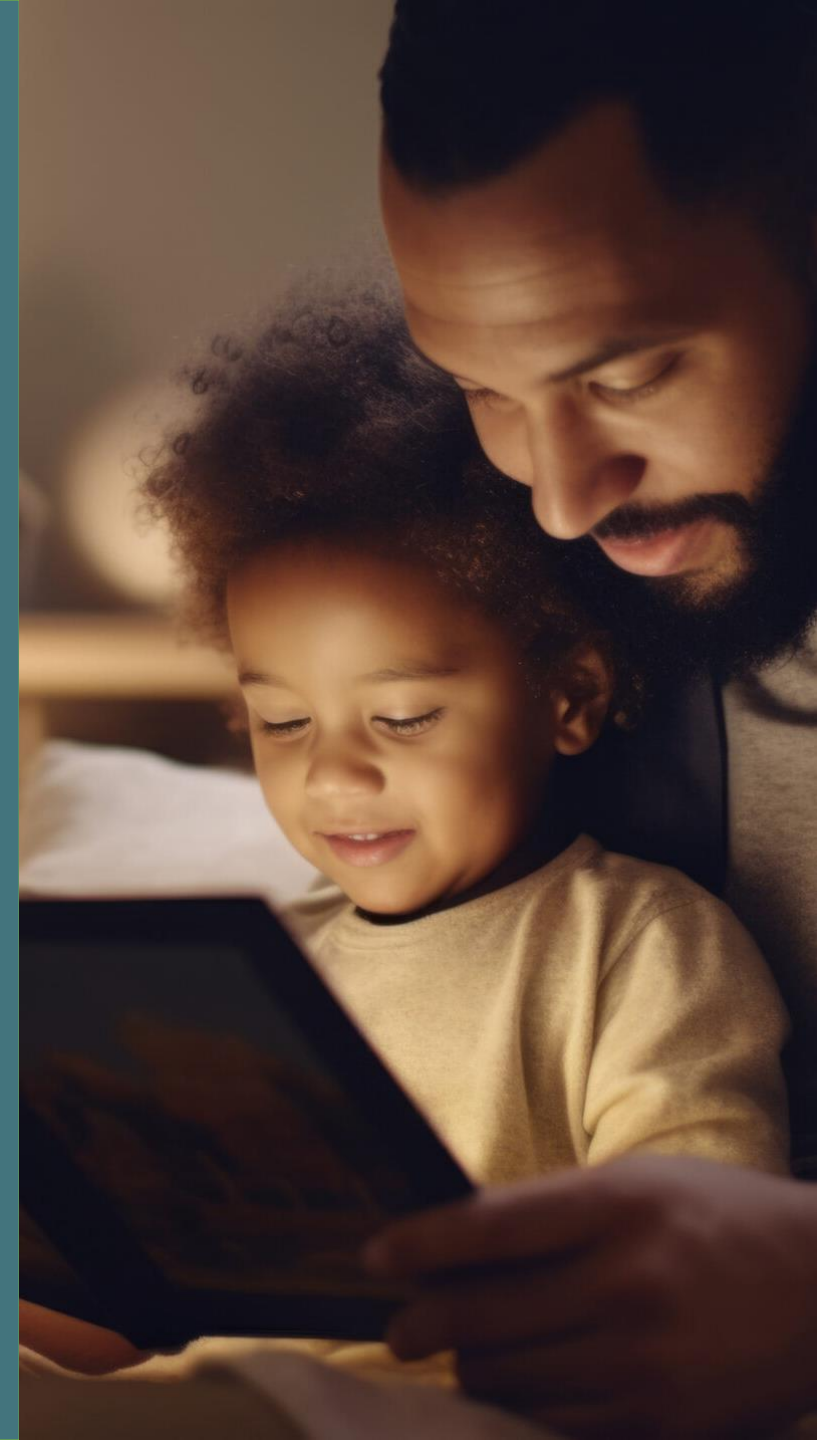
We need a paradigm shift in generations.

It Start with the example...

Older men

Tit 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

- Sober- Meaning vigilant, (... be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary as a roaring lion seeks whom he may devour...)
- Grave- Honorable or honest, this is in behavior, speech and dress. (Levity of conversation, frothy language, and airy dress- John Gil)
- Temperate- Show self control in diet and drink. This can increase with age so its something we do not want to promote as a virtue.
- Sound in Faith, charity, and Peace- Why these three separate? Faith in God gives **hope**, charity or love gives **purpose**, and peace gives comfort and **rest**.





And then women...

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

- Holy Behavior- Demonstrating being sanctified in the Spirit in the way we dress, talk, act, our conversation, and conduct.
- Not false accusers- raising false reports or bringing false charges against brothers or sister or anyone for that matter. Truth in love seasoned with salt.
- Not given to wine- Lets face it, moms of all ages know where this is going. Do not be consumed by it.
- Teachers of good things- The context here is in their homes privately or in their familial or friend groups as they were not permitted to teach.
 - Things have changed to some degree, Women play such an important role in the development of children.
 - Moms raise good boys and women.
 - Dads Raise men and girls.
 - You will see this played out in the rest of Titus 2.



We need...

To be that Titus 2 example.

To be engaged with our young people.

Help each other out, it is the job of all of us to reach our next generations.

Be humble enough to listen and learn.

**They
Need
Us**



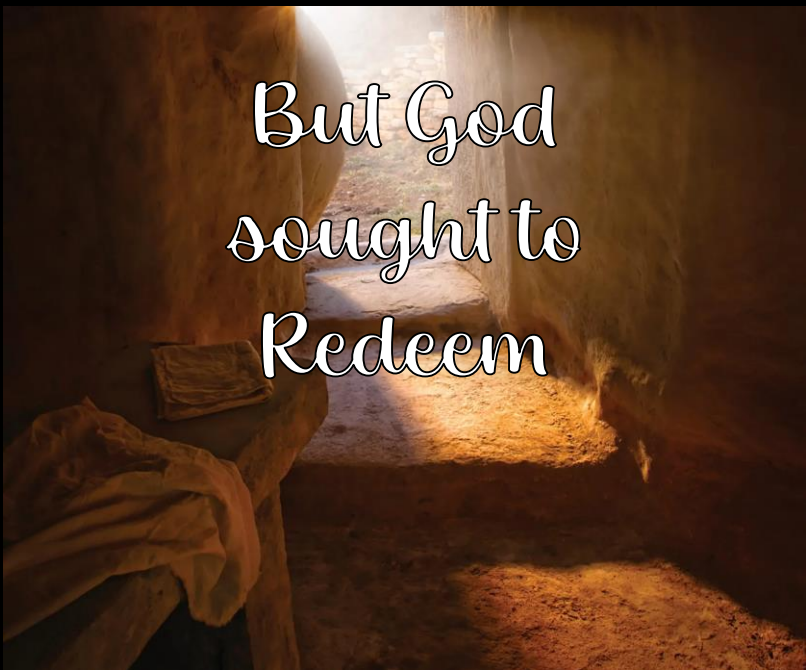
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Creation*



*Man has
Pursued
Death*



*But God
sought to
Redeem*



*So that man
might choose
Life.*



Repent and Believe



King and the
Kingdom



Pursue Him, as an
Ideal



Pursue Him, as a
Person



So that...



With new
Life

We may Pursue
With endurance...



Holiness



Gifts

Fruit







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