

5 Day Devotional
November 16, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 3”

Day 1: The Foundation of Obedience

Reading: Colossians 3:18-21; Ephesians 6:1-4

Devotional: God's design for the family begins with a simple yet profound principle: obedience flows from faith. When children obey their parents "in all things," they're not merely following rules—they're demonstrating trust in God's wisdom. This obedience is "well-pleasing to the Lord" because it reflects a heart surrendered to divine authority. Parents, your role is equally crucial: don't provoke your children to discouragement. Instead, lead with love, discipline with grace, and teach with patience. The family is Satan's primary target because it affects every moment of our lives. When we align our homes with God's Word, we create a fortress of faith that withstands the enemy's attacks. Today, examine your heart: Are you honoring God's structure in your family relationships?

5 Day Devotional
November 16, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 3”

Day 2: The Promise of Honor

Reading: Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2-3;
Proverbs 1:8-9

Devotional: "Honor your father and mother" carries the first commandment with a promise: long life and blessing. This isn't merely Old Testament law—it's a New Testament principle for believers today. God takes parent-child relationships so seriously that He attaches generational blessings to them. When we honor our parents through respect, obedience, and care, we position ourselves under God's favor. This honor isn't conditional on perfect parenting; it's obedience to God Himself. For adult children, this means caring for aging parents, speaking well of them, and valuing their wisdom. For young people still at home, it means submitting to authority and trusting God's plan through imperfect people. The promise stands: God blesses those who honor the family structure He designed.

5 Day Devotional
November 16, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 3”

Day 3: Training Without Provoking

Reading: Proverbs 13:24; 22:6; 29:17;
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Devotional: Parenting is a delicate balance—training without crushing, correcting without condemning. Fathers are specifically warned not to provoke children to wrath or discouragement. This happens through favoritism, over-protection, under-discipline, neglect, or depreciating their worth. Instead, we're called to "bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Like shaping a balloon gradually rather than forcing it when fully inflated, we must train children as they grow, not wait until rebellion has taken root. Discipline demonstrates love; neglect demonstrates indifference. Your greatest legacy isn't your career or possessions—it's children who love Jesus. Deuteronomy 6 reminds us to teach God's Word constantly: at home, on the road, morning and night. Every moment is an opportunity to point your children to Christ.

5 Day Devotional
November 16, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 3”

Day 4: Meeting Needs and Setting Standards

Reading: Proverbs 13:22; 1 Samuel 3:11-14;
Matthew 18:10

Devotional: Children have fundamental needs—physical, emotional, and spiritual—that parents are called to provide. A good parent leaves an inheritance, not just financially, but spiritually and emotionally. When Eli failed to restrain his wicked sons, God judged his entire household. Neglect has consequences. Yet Jesus reminds us that children are precious in God's sight; their angels behold the Father's face. This should shape how we view and treat them. Set high standards, but don't discourage when they stumble. Provide clean clothes, nutritious food, help with homework, and a stable home. More importantly, provide spiritual guidance. Many of society's problems could be solved if two parents faithfully loved and raised their children according to God's design. Your children aren't interruptions to your life—they're your most important ministry.

5 Day Devotional
November 16, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 3”

Day 5: Generational Impact

Reading: Proverbs 30:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:1-5;
Genesis 25:28

Devotional: The Bible warns of generations that curse their fathers, refuse to bless their mothers, devour the needy, and constantly demand without giving. This isn't ancient history—it's a warning for today. Favoritism destroyed Isaac's family when he loved Esau while Rebekah loved Jacob. Their dysfunction led to decades of separation and pain. Conversely, faithfulness in family relationships creates generational blessings that ripple through time. When you choose to honor God's design for your family, you're not just affecting your household—you're changing the trajectory for generations to come. Satan wants to devour families because a broken home affects every moment of every day. But God offers hope: real faith changes obedience in children and transforms how parents treat their children. Today is a new opportunity. Whether you're starting fresh or seeking restoration, God can redeem your family story.