



Sermon Guide: Family 11/9/25

Text(s): Proverbs 24:3-4; 2:16-17; Malachi 2:14; 18:22; 12:4; 27:15; 21:9; 31:28-29; 10:1; 15:20; 13:1; 19:20; 17:17; 17:14; 18:19

Big Idea: *Only God's wisdom can construct the kind of home our hearts crave.*

Summary of the Sermon - Proverbs 24:3–4 reminds us that a strong family isn't built by accident but by **God's wisdom**, which constructs, establishes, and fills the home. Marriage is the **foundation**, parents and children form the **structure**, and siblings fill the **rooms** with life and love. Every relationship in the family needs the steady hand of divine wisdom to flourish — covenant love in marriage, understanding between generations, and care between brothers and sisters. Ultimately, only **Jesus**, the Master Builder, can restore the cracks, reconcile the broken, and create the kind of home our hearts truly crave.

Discussion Questions

1. How does viewing marriage as a *covenant* rather than a *contract* reshape your understanding of commitment and love?
2. In what ways can you better cultivate *friendship and companionship* with your spouse this week?
3. For those who are unmarried, how does God's design for marriage shape what qualities you should value and pursue in relationships?
4. Proverbs teaches that children bring joy to their parents by walking in wisdom. What are practical ways you can bring joy to your parents — whether you're six or sixty?
5. For those who carry regret for how they've hurt a family member, what does it look like to rest in the forgiveness of Jesus and seek reconciliation through grace?
6. How might understanding your parents' perspective — even imperfectly — change the way you relate to them today?
7. Proverbs 18:19 warns that a brother offended is harder to reach than a strong city. Is there a relationship in your life that needs special care, humility, or forgiveness?
8. What steps can you take to bring *peace* into your closest relationships instead of rivalry or resentment?
9. How does the gospel empower us to pursue healing in relationships that feel beyond repair?



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Ways Children Can Bring Joy and Honor to Their Parents

- 1) **Value and Seek God's Wisdom** - Prov. 2:1-6; 3:13-18
- 2) **Choose Friends Who Make You Wise** - Prov. 1:10-15; 13:20
- 3) **Work Hard and Take Initiative** - Prov. 10:5; 6:6-11; 14:23
- 4) **Use Your Words Wisely** - Prov. 15:1-2; 12:18; 11:13; 16:28
- 5) **Listen and Obey** - Prov. 13:1; 1:8-9; 6:20-23
- 6) **Be Kind** - Prov. 3:3-4; 11:17
- 7) **Be a Person of Peace** - Prov. 15:18; 19:11
- 8) **Respect Your Parents** - Prov. 19:26; 20:20; 23:22-25
- 9) **Honor Your Parents Resources** - Prov. 28:24
- 10) **Be Grateful for your Parents** - Prov. 30:11; 30:17
- 11) **Be Humble and Teachable** - Prov. 11:2; 12:15; 15:31-33

Scripture for Further Study:

- 1) **God's Design for the Family** - Psalm 127:1; Joshua 24:15
- 2) **Marriage as Covenant and Companionship** - Eph. 5:22-33; Gen. 2:18-24
- 3) **Children and Parents** - Colossians 3:18-21; Exodus 20:12
- 4) **Siblings** - Matthew 5:23-24; John 7:1-5 to be read with Acts 1:14
- 5) **The Gospel is the Foundation for Every Family** - 1 Corinthians 1:23-31; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:13-22