

No Place Like Home – Part 2 – It Runs in the Family Mark Rouse – mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com September 17, 2017

#### IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

- ✓ Painful EXPERIENCES.
- ✓ Negative <u>HABITS</u>.
- ✓ Generational SIN.

You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. - Exodus 20:5

"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." - John 9:3

#### **GETTING PAST MY PAST**

### 1) Acknowledge my **OWN MISTAKES**.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 John 1:8-9

# 2) Abandon my RIGHT TO GET EVEN.

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

- 1 Peter 3:9

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. – Hebrews 12:15

# 3) Apply GOD'S GRACE.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. – Matthew 18:21-22

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." – Matthew 18:35

## 4) Agree that IT STOPS WITH ME.

Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord! - Joshua 24:15