

## Moving Forward 2: As Family

### Mother's Day

May 9–10, 2020

**16** Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. **17** Show proper respect to everyone, **love the family of believers**, fear God, honor the emperor.

— 1 Peter 2:16–17

 A God Invitation: Welcome to The Family

### I. Where Do I Start? — *Be Strong*

 **Change is hard**

 **Change is inevitable**

 **Change can be positive**


**Proverbs 31:10** (NIV) <sup>10</sup>A wife of noble character who can find?  
She is worth far more than rubies.

**Proverbs 24:30-34** (NIV) <sup>30</sup> I went past the field of a sluggard,  
past the vineyard of someone who has no sense;  
<sup>31</sup> thorns had come up everywhere,  
the ground was covered with weeds,  
and the stone wall was in ruins.  
<sup>32</sup> I applied my heart to what I observed  
and learned a lesson from what I saw:  
<sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest—  
<sup>34</sup> and poverty will come on you like a thief  
and scarcity like an armed man.

### II. Take a Step of Faith — *Be clean*

**Luke 3:3** (NIV) <sup>3</sup> "He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" - **Isaiah 40:3**

 Walk in God's love and forgiveness

**Luke 3:21–22** (NIV) <sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; **with you I am well pleased.**"

 The Mark of His Way

### III. Fully Known — *Be Free*

**Psalms 51:1–9** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.  
<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
<sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.  
<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity..

 Humble confession = Freedom

- **Watch our New TV Program "Growing Closer to God" on NBC 4 Sundays at 12 Noon**

**This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

- Sat Rest  Sun Mk 13:1-13; 1 Kings 18-20  Mon Mk 13:14-31; 1 Kings 21-22  
 Tue Mark 13:32-37; 2 Kings 1-3  Wed Mark 14:1-11; 2 Kings 4-5  
 Thur Mark 14:12-31; 2 Kings 6-8  Fri Mk 14:32-42; 2 Kings 9-11  Sat Rest

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Baptism is the mark of a believer.

**Acts 18:7-8** <sup>7</sup> Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God.

<sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

**2 Corinthians 5: 17-19** <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.** <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were **called to one hope when you were called;** <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Mom's teach us to be strong through change

Mom's are constant through change

Mom's are the positive atmosphere through change

- \* Mom's always have that next step of faith they challenge us to take.
- \* Mom's want clean houses and kids with a clean heart. Being clean is a value moms pass along
- \* Moms show us God's mothering side of loving comfort especially in hard times
- \* Mom's model forgiveness and freedom, their dream for us.