

Day 2: Family:

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
- Joshua 24:15

Read:

Take time to read this verse again.

Think:

What does it really mean to be a part of a family? Many of us have witnessed the rebellion of family members. Many of us are guilty of that rebellion. We have seen families torn to pieces because of unfaithfulness, drug and alcohol abuse, depression & anxiety, financial worries...etc. The list could go on.

If we are going to have strong families, families that can proclaim that they will serve the Lord, we must take upon the difficult task of laying aside offense and put on a posture of forgiveness and earnest prayer for those in our families that are struggling. God wants victory over these things. Think about the strength that a family unit could have if they have a strong, unified vision of living out the gospel in their lives. Think about what that could look like in the local church if family after family became restored into an effective place in God’s Holy Kingdom.

Pray:

Take time to humble yourself before the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to mold you into a faithful family member. If you are a parent, ask God to grant you the much needed patience in raising up children that know and Love Jesus and other people. If you are a child, ask God to help you know how to honor your parents. Your parents love you even though they may not always know the best ways to show it.

Parents and children: Remember how great a Father that you have in Heaven. Where we may fail in our understanding or ability, God will never fail. He is a good Father. He knows the troubles in your heart. He has a plan for restoration and redemption in your family and has provided a grand invitation to you to join His family. In Jesus' name, beg the Lord to break the powers of sin that attempt to damage your family.

Let these verses be an anthem in your household:

“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” - Colossians 3:12-14