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- 2) What challenged or encouraged you about this message?
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- 5) What does it mean to "live blameless lives"? What doesn't it mean?
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- 7) Read John 15:4-5. What does Jesus mean to communicate with this metaphor? How does this speak to you today?
- 8) What is God asking you to do in regard to your next steps?
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

Understanding God's Purpose for Family

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
May 21, 2017



Why did God give us family? So that we can know and reflect our Triune God and His Kingdom.

Philippians 1:9-11 “I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. ¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”

**Big Idea: To have a flourishing family pursue the goal of helping one another be...
Filled with Love, Faithful in Character, and Fruitful for Christ.**

Filled with Love:

v. 9 “your love will overflow more and more, and that you keep on growing in knowledge & understanding.”

Faithful in Character:

v. 10 “so you understand what really matters”

AMP “So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences]”

v. 10 “so you live pure and blameless lives until Christ returns”

Fruitful for Christ:

v. 11 [having been] “filled with the fruit of your salvation - the righteous character produced.... by Jesus Christ.”

Isaiah 1:18

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2
Corinthians 5:21

Galatians 5:22-23

John 15:4-5 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Vine picture

What is your next step?

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Remain in Christ.

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