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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

#### The Flourishing Family

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
May 14, 2017 - Happy Mother's Day



#### Why did God give us family?

#### So that we can know and reflect our Triune God and His Kingdom.

- **In Marriage:**

Genesis 2:18

Ephesians 5:31-32

- **In Parenting:**

Matthew 7:9-11

- **In the Church:**

Matthew 12:48-49

1 John 3:1-3 "See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure."

Philippians 1:1-8 This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons. <sup>2</sup>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. <sup>3</sup>Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. <sup>4</sup>Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, <sup>5</sup>for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. <sup>7</sup>So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favour of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. <sup>8</sup>God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

**Big Idea: Families only flourish when Christ comes first.**

#### How do we flourish as a family or Impact Community?

- **Celebrate our family as a gift from God.** v. 3
- **Pray for our family regularly.** v. 3
- **Trust God to work in our family for His Kingdom purposes.** v.6
- **Love our family well in every season.** v. 7-8

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