



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Generational Influence: The Line pt. 4

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print it to study on your own or use it in a group to experience transformation together.

Message Theme

You Are the Line

Prayer Focus

"Father, thank You for placing me in a family and making me an influencer over that family line. Help me put Your Word in my heart, not just my head, so that what I pass on to my children and grandchildren is real faith, not just information. Give me courage to command my household the way Abraham did, to guard them from bad influence, and to speak blessing over them instead of curses. I believe that because I am Yours, my family is sanctified and targeted by heaven for salvation, deliverance, and blessing. I believe for every last one of them. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Key Truths

Your choices don't stop with you — Deuteronomy 30:19 makes clear that you and your descendants are affected by the same choice. The iniquity of a family passes to the third and fourth generation, but blessing is far stronger, extending to a thousand generations. Just as Timothy's genuine faith was traced back through his mother and grandmother, faith itself can be passed down as an inheritance greater than any amount of money.

God commended Abraham specifically because Abraham would command his household to keep the way of the Lord. But this requires more than head knowledge — it must be in your heart, because you reproduce what you are, not just what you know. Deuteronomy 6 shows the pattern: love the Lord, and let His words be in your heart — then teach them diligently, talk about them constantly, and put them in front of your eyes and on your doorposts. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, so a family cannot pass on faith it doesn't actually have.

Parents are the number one influencer in their children's lives — more than any teacher, coach, or celebrity. Abraham modeled this by protecting his family from bad influence, while Lot's compromise — slowly moving toward Sodom — cost him nearly everything. "Your compromises become your children's norms."

Speaking blessing over your family carries real spiritual weight. Scripture shows Isaac, Jacob, and the Aaronic priesthood all speaking blessing aloud over their children — and the New Testament reveals believers as kings and priests with the authority and responsibility to do the same. Finally, 1 Corinthians 7:14 offers hope to anyone who feels alone in their faith: just one believer in a family sanctifies — sets apart — the entire household. One believing parent, spouse, or child means the whole family is targeted by heaven for salvation, deliverance, and blessing.

Practical Application

This week, take ownership of your role as the number one influencer in your family's spiritual life. Choose one practical step from Deuteronomy 6 — put a verse on your mirror or refrigerator, talk about God's Word at the dinner table, or commit to a daily Bible reading plan. Then go further: speak an actual blessing out loud over your children, grandchildren, or spouse, the way Isaac and Jacob did. If you feel like the only believer in your family, don't believe the lie that it doesn't matter — it does. Your call to action is simple — put God's Word in your heart, speak blessing over your family by name, and keep believing that your whole household is targeted for salvation.

Reference Verses

- Proverbs 13:22
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Exodus 20:5-6
- 2 Timothy 1:5
- Genesis 18:18-19
- Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- Romans 10:17
- Matthew 4:4
- 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Hebrews 11:20-21
- Numbers 6:23-27
- Mark 9:23-24
- 1 Corinthians 7:14

Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- I am the number one influencer — My words and my example shape my family more than any outside voice, and I take that seriously.

- I put the Word in my heart, not just my head — I reproduce what I am, so I choose to be a person of the Word so my family can inherit real faith.
- I speak blessing, not cursing — I use my words to bless my children and grandchildren, the way Isaac, Jacob, and the priests of old did.
- My family is targeted by heaven — Because I believe, my household is sanctified and set apart for salvation, deliverance, and blessing — every last one of them.

What's Next?

Now it's time to put what you've learned into action. Here are three ways you can apply this message to your daily life:

1 - Put the Word Where You'll See It

Following the pattern of Deuteronomy 6:6-9, write one verse on a card and place it somewhere you'll see it daily — your bathroom mirror, your refrigerator, your car dashboard. Talk about it with your family at least once this week, whether at the dinner table or in the car. Let the Word move from information into something lived out loud.

2 - Speak a Blessing Over Your Family

Today, following the example of Isaac, Jacob, and the priestly blessing in Numbers 6, speak an actual, out-loud blessing over your children, grandchildren, or spouse. It doesn't need to be elaborate — even "The Lord bless you and keep you" spoken with intention carries real weight. If it feels unfamiliar, start small and let it become a habit.

3 - Believe for Your Whole Household

If you feel like you're the only person of faith in your family, reflect on 1 Corinthians 7:14 and Jeanie's sister's story from this message. Remind yourself: your family is already sanctified and targeted by heaven because of your faith. Choose one person in your family to pray for by name today, and thank God in advance that they are being drawn — not written off.