



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Building a Faith Family: The Line pt. 5

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

Faith People Are Blessed People

Prayer Focus

"Father, thank You that the greatest inheritance I can leave my family is not money, but faith. Help me to love and honor the church the way Jesus does, and to never let my children project a wrong attitude about the church onto You. I declare that my children and grandchildren will serve You — I believe it, and I pray for it. Strengthen my marriage and help me build it with intention, not by accident. Teach me to bless my family, each one according to who they are, the way Jacob blessed his sons. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Key Truths

The biblical unit is the family, not the individual. What happens to one person affects the whole family line — for up to a thousand generations of blessing, according to Exodus 20. God didn't just call Abraham; He called Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, repeating His promise again and again across generations. The greatest inheritance a person can leave isn't a business or a large sum of money — it's faith, as seen in Timothy's faith that first lived in his grandmother, then his mother.

Faith people are blessed people, and faith families are blessed families (Galatians 3:9). Several practical convictions build a faith family. First: be in church, and raise your kids in church — not as an optional extra, but as a core commitment, since children project their parents' attitude toward the church onto their view of God. Second: declare and believe that your children will be saved — following Jacob's example of speaking faith-filled words over Ephraim and Manasseh, and trusting that words spoken in faith carry real spiritual weight. Third: make your marriage work — a good marriage isn't automatic, it's built, and it remains one of the greatest gifts a person can give their children.

Faith isn't meant to be lived in isolation. Privatized, individualized Christianity — "just me and Jesus" — isn't biblical; from the moment of salvation, a believer is placed into the church, a spiritual community meant to build them and their family. Finally, Jacob's deathbed scene in Genesis 49 shows what matters most in the end: not money or possessions, but family — gathered together, blessed individually according to their own gifts, and reunited again one day with those who've gone before.

Practical Application

This week, choose one of the three convictions and put it into action. If it's church, commit to being present this week and let your kids see you fully engaged — worshiping, giving, serving — not just attending. If it's declaring blessing over your children, speak it out loud: name your children or grandchildren and declare that they belong to God and will serve Him, the way Jacob declared over Ephraim and Manasseh. If it's your marriage, take one deliberate step to build it rather than assume it will maintain itself — a conversation, an apology, quality time set aside. Your call to action is simple — **choose one faith-family conviction, put it into practice this week, and speak faith-filled words over your family instead of leaving it to chance.**

Reference Verses

- Proverbs 13:22
- Exodus 20:5-6
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- 2 Timothy 1:5
- Psalm 112:2
- Proverbs 11:21
- Ephesians 2:10
- Hebrews 11:20-21
- Galatians 3:9
- Hebrews 10:25
- Genesis 18:19
- Genesis 48:5
- Luke 18:1-8
- Genesis 49:28-33

Declarations

- I am a faith person, so I am a blessed person **— And my family, walking in faith with me, is a blessed family.
- My family is my greatest inheritance **— Not money, not possessions, but faith passed down is the legacy I want to leave.

- I declare my children will serve God **— Like Jacob spoke over Ephraim and Manasseh, I speak faith-filled words over my children and grandchildren.
- I build, not just hope **— My marriage and my family are built with intention, not left to chance, because that's how God's design works.

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 - Let Them See You in Church

This week, don't just bring your children to church — let them see you fully participate: worshiping, giving, serving, praying, reading your Bible. Remember that your attitude toward the church becomes their attitude toward God. If you've been hit-or-miss about attending, make a decision to be there and be present.

2 - Speak Faith Over Your Family

Following Jacob's example in Genesis 48, take a moment today to speak out loud over your children or grandchildren by name: "You are mine, you belong to God, and you will serve Him." Don't just think it — say it. Remember that words spoken in faith carry spiritual authority in your family's life.

3 - Build, Don't Coast

If you're married, identify one specific thing you can do this week to actively build your marriage rather than assume it will take care of itself — a conversation you've been avoiding, quality time you've been putting off, or an apology you need to give. If you're single, reflect on what it means to build a marriage intentionally before you enter one, and consider the qualities worth looking for and cultivating now.