

LIFE ON PURPOSE – God’s Purpose for Your Family – Week 5

This week...Week 5 – Your Family {Slide 1}

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What interferes with our view of family?

- We’ve all had pain or struggles. {Slide 3}
- We don’t get a lot of help. {Slide 4}
- We’re messaged different perspectives from culture. {Slide 5}
- We’re all shaped and influenced by our “family of origin.” {Slide 6}

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Colossians 3:18-21 (NIV)

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

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Ephesians 5:31-33 (NIV)

31“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

What is Paul actually saying here? Because you’re in Christ...your family can look different and be “in Christ.” What does it look like to be “In Christ” in your family? You reflect Christ. One of your greatest testimonies is how you reflect Christ in these relationships, and you do so by letting the Word be your guide. {Slide 9-11}

4 Ways Your Family Can Reflect Christ Better{Slide 12}

- 1) **Get a new picture.** {Slide 13}
- 2) **Break the cycle.** {Slide 14}
- 3) **Go first.** {Slide 15-20}
 - You be the first one to prioritize living “in Christ.”
 - You be the first to love them in the way they receive it.
 - You be the first to forgive.
 - You be the first to send an encouraging text or note.

4) Parent the heart. {Slide 21-29}

- Walk in unity with your spouse.
- Realize your kids are different than you.
- Own your mistakes.
- Be intentional about talking in non-conflict moments.
- Spend intentional time with each one.
- Discern what's rebellion versus childhood mistakes.
- Help them see themselves the way God sees them.