

Weekend Message Questions

Built to Last, Week 2

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Connect: What is one thing your family of origin taught you—good or difficult—that has shaped the way you see yourself, relationships, or God?

1. WE ARE FORMED BY WHAT WE TRUST

Read: 2 Kings 16:1–4, 7–8

1. What do you notice about the choices Ahaz made and the influences that seemed to shape him?
 2. When Ahaz faced crisis, where did he turn for help? What does that reveal about what he trusted?
 3. The message says, **“What we rely on in crisis takes root in our lives.”** Why do you think our responses in difficult seasons have such a powerful influence on us?
 4. What are some things people commonly turn to for security, control, or comfort instead of God?
 5. When you are under pressure, what are you most tempted to rely on?
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2. FAMILY CHAINS CAN BE BROKEN

Read: 2 Kings 18:3–7

1. Hezekiah grew up under Ahaz, yet he chose a very different path. What stands out to you about his response to his family history?
 2. Hezekiah tore down the idols his father had embraced. What do you think it took for him to recognize that some things needed to change?
 3. Hezekiah faced many of the same enemies and circumstances his father faced. What was different about the way he responded?
 4. The message says, **“A wicked parent can have a good child, and a good parent can have a wicked child.”** How does this challenge the idea that our family history determines our future?
 5. Is there a pattern, mindset, or way of responding to difficulty that you want God to help you change or surrender?
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3. JESUS GIVES US A NEW FAMILY

Read: Ephesians 2:19–21 and Galatians 3:26–29

1. What words or phrases in these passages describe our new identity and belonging through Jesus?
 2. What does it mean to you that, through Christ, you are a **member of God's family**?
 3. How does knowing that your parents' faith does not guarantee your faith—and their failures do not determine your future—change the way you think about your spiritual story?
 4. The message says, **"You cannot choose your family of origin, but you can choose your family of destination."** What do you think it looks like to intentionally choose the Family of God?
 5. How can the church become a place where people who have experienced brokenness, difficult families, or generational pain truly experience belonging?
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4. PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take a few moments to reflect quietly before answering.

- What parts of my family story have shaped me in positive ways?
- What parts of my family story have caused hurt, fear, or unhealthy patterns in me?
- Is there something from my past that I have allowed to define me that Jesus is inviting me to surrender?
- Where am I currently being formed—by my family, culture, relationships, success, fear, comfort, or by Jesus?
- What is one choice I can make this week to become more deeply rooted in the Family of God?
- **What would it look like for me to let Jesus have the final word over my family story?**

Prayer Prompt

Spend time praying for one another. Pray that God would help each person recognize the ways their family history has shaped them, heal places of hurt, break unhealthy patterns, and give them courage to choose a different path where needed. Pray especially that each person would experience the truth that **through Jesus, they have a home in the Family of God**—a family that welcomes them, forms them, and reminds them that their past does not have the final word on their future.

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