



## Loving Our Families

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Colossians 3:12-21 | February 22, 2026

*Loving where we live starts with love in the home.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

### Here are some ways to love our family:

- » **Wives:** Love with encouragement. *"Encouragement in the mouth of a woman is strength in the heart of a man."*
- » **Husbands:** Love first and love the loudest.
- » **Kids:** Love with honor.
- » **Grandparents:** Love with presence, not pressure.

### Two practical ways to bring love into the home:

- » Eat around the table.
- » Hold hands and pray.

### NOTES:

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Kids Ministry: Flashlight Tag (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)** on Feb. 27 at 6:00 PM

**The Gathering** on March 1 at 4:30 PM

**Blood Drive** on March 9 from Noon to 6:00 PM

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

What's your favorite memory around a family dinner table? What made it memorable?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

### FOUNDATIONAL

- The sermon mentioned, *"Love in the home flows from the love of Jesus in our hearts."* How does receiving Jesus' love change the way we're able to love our family members?
- Do you believe the statement, *"The home is the most formative spiritual environment for our kids"*? How does this statement challenge or encourage you?

### RELATIONAL

- For those who are married, how did Paul's instruction about mutual submission, *"To one another out of reverence for Christ,"* change your understanding of the passage and Colossians 3:18-19?
- The sermon emphasized that husbands are called to "love first and love the loudest." Men, what obstacles make this difficult? Women, how can you encourage the men in your life in this calling?
- Parents, the message warned against embittering children or causing them to become discouraged. What's the difference between healthy correction and discouraging criticism? Share an example of each.
- What does honoring parents look like in your current season of life?

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- The sermon gave two practices: eating around the table and holding hands to pray as a family. What makes these practices uncomfortable or challenging? What benefits have you experienced (or could you) from implementing them?
- Three critical times in a child's day were shared: the first 15 minutes after waking, the first 15 minutes home from school, and the last 15 minutes before bed. How intentional are you during these windows? What specific change could you make?

## NEXT STEPS:

**Wives/Moms:** Write an encouraging note to your husband and or each child and hide it where they'll find it.

**Husbands/Dads:** Ask each family member: "What do you need from me right now?" then listen and act on what you hear.

**Kids/Teens:** Give up an evening this week to spend intentional time with your family. Ask your parents about their teenage years.

**Singles/Empty Nesters:** Reach out to a family member you haven't connected with recently and offer encouragement.