

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **The Trap**

Subtitle: **Loyalty: Manipulation of Influence Pt. IV**

Speaker: **Pastor Dawn Winsley**

Scripture: **Psalm 141:9-10 (NIV)**

Date: **May 22, 2024**

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⁹ Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers, from the snares they have laid for me. ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.

Introduction

We have been talking about how “The Need To Be Loved” is an entryway to opening up the loyalty trap. “The Need To Be Loved” is the fuel that drives you right into the TRAP! A trap is designed to either restrain you or kill you!! Tonight, we are still learning how to pry ourselves out of the trap of allegiance to people, places, or things.

Loyalty is a strong feeling of support or allegiance.

What are the 3 characteristics of Being Stuck in the Trap?

Genesis 29:28-30 (NLT)

²⁸ So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. A week after Jacob had married Leah, Laban gave him Rachel, too. ²⁹ (Laban gave Rachel a servant, Bilhah, to be her maid.) ³⁰ So Jacob slept with Rachel, too, and he loved her much more than Leah. He then stayed and worked for Laban the additional seven years.

1. You will make **unnatural** sacrifices.

Your loyalty to others will cause you to be **unfaithful** to God.

Genesis 29:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not conceive. ³² So Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, “The Lord has noticed my misery, and now my husband will love me.

2. You will hold people **hostage** with your gift.

Your loyalty to others will cause you to mistaken your blessing for the

BLESSOR!

Genesis 30:26 (NLT)

²⁶ Let me take my wives and children, for I have earned them by serving you, and let me be on my way. You certainly know how hard I have worked for you.

3. You will feel like you need someone else’s **permission** to move.

*Your loyalty to others will **remind** people what YOU have done for THEM !*

How do we escape from the Trap ?

Genesis 31:10-13 (NLT)

¹⁰ “One time during the mating season, I had a dream and saw that the male goats mating with the females were streaked, speckled, and spotted. ¹¹ Then in my dream, the angel of God said to me, ‘Jacob!’ And I replied, ‘Yes, here I am.’

1. Listen for the voice of **God** NOT man.

¹² “The angel said, ‘Look up, and you will see that only the streaked, speckled, and spotted males are mating with the females of your flock. For I have seen how Laban has treated you.

2. Stay focused on the **vision** God gave you instead of the plans people have created for you! !

What is God’s response?

Genesis 31:13 (NLT)

¹³ I am the God who appeared to you at Bethel,[a] the place where you anointed the pillar of stone and made your vow to me. Now get ready and leave this country and return to the land of your birth.”

1. God will remind you who **HE** is !
2. God will remind you where your **loyalty** should be!
3. God will remind you who **You** are !

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Join the men of TFC for our "**Fatherhood Pit Crew Breakfast**" on June 15th at 9 AM. Tickets are \$25 Register on our app or online at www.thefamilychurch.com

2024 IREIGN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Go to www.thefamilychurch.com for more information.

BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP: Workouts for ages 16+ Saturdays. 11-12 PM @ TFC. Bring a mat & bottle of water.

TRANSLATION MINISTRY - Spanish Translation is available every last Sunday of the month, both services. Traducción en español está disponible los últimos domingos del mes, ambos servicios.

Next Step Classes - Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com

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Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Devotion/Prayer

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am
Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853
Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

Mission Statement

The Family Church is a Local Community with a Biblical Mandate to Change Our World by Restoring God's Family!

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