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CALVARY CHURCH

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Title: Church Is Family Topic: family, love, church

1Tim5:1-16 - After Chuck Smith passed away, Brian Broderson, took over at CC Costa Mesa, began pushing boundaries, re: doctrine & Biblical values CC had long held, met w/ resistance from CCA, he left CCA, formed CGN
…context to make clear CCCM hasn't been affiliated w/ us since 2015
Nov1, Brian's son made the announcement CCCM would be ordaining women
And bc of the shared name, CC, it creates confusion; back in 2015, I told P Matt/ Glen, w/in 10yrs they'll ordain women; I was wrong, it took 11 yrs
Since, many pastors who went w/ Brian have returned to CCA and the movement has grown in strength, deeper convictions; both White Fields & CCA have a strong conviction to follow the Bible - 1Tim2:12-13

The House of God can be a handful! Timothy found that out - personal conflict, div issues, false teachings made leadership difficult, some have even drifted…

- we need to pray; follow God's design for His Church; need leaders w/ character
- NT describes the church as…soldiers in at war, athletes, sheep, servants, & a family - families have issues; a pastor can't just a doctrine machine…relational
  1-2) "rebuke" diff word = don't speak harshly, lash out; it's painful for the young to correct the old; painful for the old to be corrected…w/o correction…lose our way!

- Correcting family isn't fun! Some think God put them on earth to rebuke (love it!); others refuse to be corrected! Prov12:1 "he who hates correction is stupid"
- teenage eye roll: "agh…I don't hate you just…" You are the one who suffers…

Prov30:17 "The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it."
"exhort" = respect, encourage, help; old people don't like correction from the young…good leadership does hard things, & does hard things the right way!
Col4:6 "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt"

- They marveled at the words of grace that came from Jesus (Lk4:22)
- The hardest thing is you can't get rid of fam - no trades, upgrades. Enduring difficult relationships is part of what makes family so…special!
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Church = family - Further instruction needed. What does that look like?
Love = family doesn't run, but forgives, endures - loves grows thru difficulty. "brothers" how? Punch? Yidiot! Not superior, protecting, fellow soldiers.
"mothers" love & honor = treat as special! Tone is critical, she's a tender heart! "sisters" a mix - surprise…a dead deer heads= in her bed; but they will protect, guard, learn to honor… no flirting & kissing, treat her w/ complete purity!

- Look at the world, cancel culture, rage; church is different, a family! Love = essential to family - it isn't automatic! I try to eat healthy, apples…

3-4) honor = honorarium, set price, in exchange for service to the church

- Acts6 - early church, widows usually couldn't work, no life ins or retirement "children…repay" I changed your diapers now you…fed you…family is where we learn so much about how to love one another…me?

Jms1:27 "Pure and undefiled religion…to visit orphans and widows in their trouble" Love = selfless - not natural, it's supernatural. It's requires diff choices.
Jesus: love requires new thinking - don't invite a guest over expecting an invite… Gal5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love…" Love = a work of the Spirit!
Instructed - Exhorted - Empowered to love - how often does Paul pray for this?

Phil1:9 "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more…"
Phil2:3 "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." no one: I'm just that way… 1Thess3:12 "may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another" 2Thess1:3 "We are bound to thank God always for you…because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other"

"No one cares…" this isn't for us to accuse - love can't grow in a pot selfishness. Am I surrendered to the Spirit? Look at "one another vs"…
That's how God makes church, family…know a need? Your fam? Study?

5-7) "really a widow" (3x) A church is not a bank, it's a church - Paul gives guidelines, to care for needs w/ wisdom, 4 types of

widows…#1 w/ children
8) “his household” Some in min have neglected kids, min is higher calling? First priority in ministry is family.
“provide” = to plan ahead; physical, emotional, spiritual needs…

- Mk7 - Thx for all you did… “corban”, thanks for all you did…so sorry… “worse than nonbelievers” Shock? Nonbeliever knows this!! See it in us?

#2 “alone” real = depending on God, but doesn’t have family to care for her Lk2:37 “and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day.”
Can be a powerhouse: prayer meetings, visiting the sick, kids, young wives…the young have much to learn from those older & the older from the younger (phone)

#3 “lives in pleasure” = reigns removed; Frank’s dead? Clubbin tonight! In grief/ newfound freedom, she turns to selfish pleasure; instead of serving Jesus!
He’s not saying she’s so old she’s dead while she’s still alive; she has no interest in God; that’s not the real widow, rewarding her sin only sinks her deeper in sin!

9-10) Qualifications? “number” = official enrollment, reg support + min service Over “60”. Much older in Paul’s day - as they didn’t live as long.

“wife of 1 man” why? “1 man woman” - faithful to her husband. She’s an example to younger women of faithfulness and love for family…
“good works” children, strangers, saints, afflicted? She’s an example…
God has a purpose for widows, not men/slot machines - prayer warriors! Min to the young - Widow in 1Ki? Keep bringing empty

vessels to God to be filled!
11-15) #4 “younger widows” “refuse”? He’s not saying, never help - warnings…

- Some will say, I’ll never love again, & try…lonely, oh my, who’s that…tempted by an ungodly relationship & sexual desire; “turned after Satan” (15)
- Or…some pledged themselves to widows ministry? Now filled w/ shame?
- Others become “idle” - house to house, too much time to talk…Martha: “you know who you really need to pray for! It’s worse than we thought…”
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“Therefore…younger widows” can remarry; not all will want to, but it can be good. “children” there are times a wife must work, but not at the expense of #1 ministry - if you work to have more stuff, 1 day you’ll wish you invested in what lasts!
16) “believing…has widows” their family ought to take care of them; the widows are cared for, given focus in ministry, Tim is learning to lead!

All around us, the flesh, the devil want to tear the fam apart - abortion, easy divorce, maid, 2 moms…In church, isolation, offenses, false teaching...family means??
Jesus calls us out of the brokenness, teaches & empowers us to love one another!

Big Idea: church family, family, care Church Family (1-2)
Real Widows (3-6)
Family Provision (7-10)
Younger Widows (11-15)