

## **For the Lord: In Our Family**

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**Big Idea: “My Relationship To My [FAMILY MEMBER] Reflects My Relationship To Jesus.”**

### **God Calls Us To Live “For The Lord” In Our Families**

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Colossians 3:17-21 ESV)*

### **Living “For the Lord” In Our Family Requires:**

#### **1. Getting Our Vision Of Family From God Not Culture**

*[Since] then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:1-2 ESV)*

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2 ESV)*

#### **God’s Marvelous Design For Families:**

- 1. Life-Long Covenants**
- 2. Complementary Roles**
- 3. Sacrificial Love**

#### **2. Killing What Is “Earthly”**

*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:5-10 ESV)*

#### **3. Putting On Christ**

*Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. (Colossians 3:12-15 ESV)*

**Pastor’s Challenge: Each day this week (M-F), think about one of your family relationships and something you could do that would be “For The Lord.”**