

**NURTURING  
FAMILY ON  
MISSION**



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**Pastor of Family & Care**

**My Mission**

**“To effectively assist & support individuals, couples and families in truly experiencing & expressing the essence of Christ in their everyday lives.”**

**2014-2021**

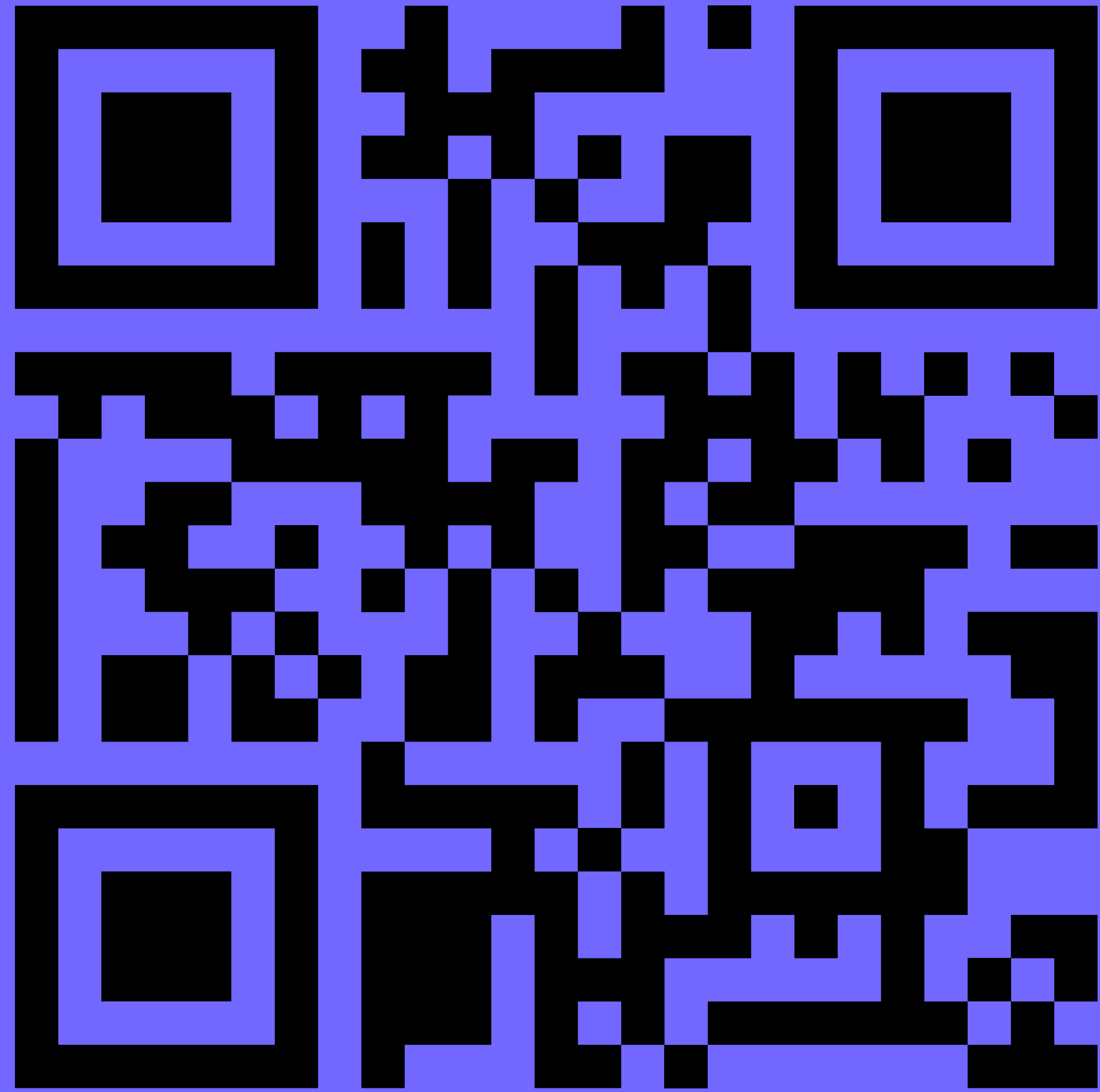
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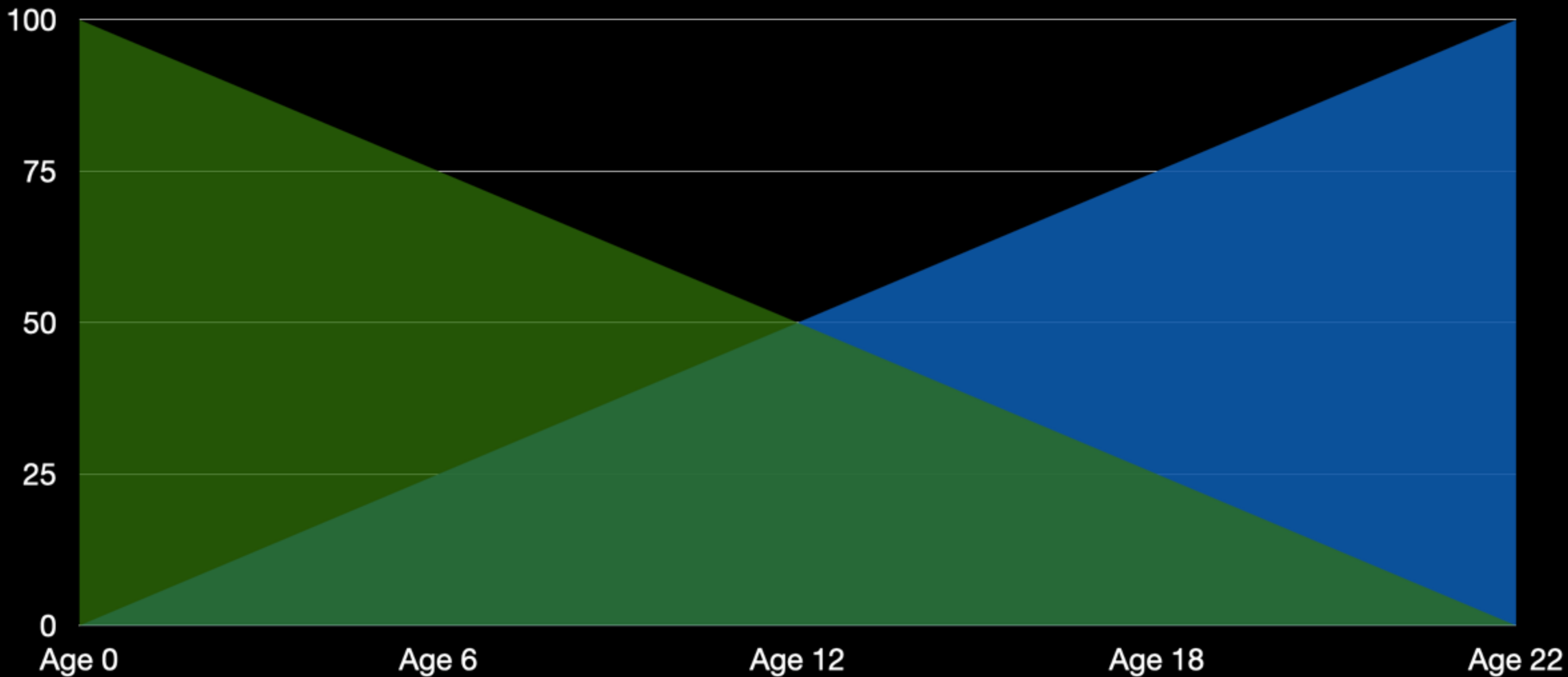
# Care Connections

# **NURTURING**

**A family that serves God on his mission, changing the lives they touch as well as their own. As families pray together, discuss God's Word together, serve together, and love a broken world together, it empowers them to live out their faith and rhythms side by side.**

# **PRIMARY ROLE OF PARENTS**

- 1. Protect your kid from the world**
- 2. Prepare your kid for the world**



Protect

Prepare

# **COL 2:7-8 NIV**

**So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.**



**“You cannot prepare for,  
and you cannot protect from,  
what you are ignorant of.”**

Mike Tatlock





**Spiritual Forces of this World**

**Unprotected & Unprepared Kids**



**HOW DO WE  
PROTECT AND  
PREPARE  
OURSELVES AND  
OUR FAMILIES?**

**BETTING IT  
GACKWARDS**

# CON·TEXT (NOUN)

The circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed

# 1. Understand Our Identity

# **Fundamental Understanding #1**

**God does not exist for us;  
we exist for God.**

# ISAIAH 64:8 NIV

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.



# **EPHESIANS 2:10 BSB**

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance as our way of life.**

# **GALATIANS 2:20 NIV**

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

# **Fundamental Understanding #2**

**Our identity & purpose does not  
come from our context;  
Our context is where we happen  
to live out our identity & purpose.**

# 2 CORINTHIANS

## 5:16-17 NIV

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

# **1 PETER 2:11 NIV**

**Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.**

# JOHN 17:14-16

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

1. Understand Our Identity
- 2. Understand Our Context**

	<b>Ethical Theism</b>	<b>Modernism</b>	<b>Postmodernism</b>
<b>Truth</b>	Truth has been revealed to men and women by God	Truth can be discerned by reason and logical augmentation	Truth does not exist objectively; it is a product of a person's culture
<b>Human Identity</b>	Humans are both spiritual and material beings, created in God's image but fallen because of sin	Humans are rational, not spiritual, beings who can define their existence according to what their senses perceive	Humans are primarily social beings, products of their culture and environment

**“The New Tolerance,” by Josh McDowell, Tyndall House Publishers, 1998, p. 38**



1. Discover Our Identity
2. Understand Our Context
- 3. Fulfill Our Purpose**

# ROMANS 8:29 NIV

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

# 1 JOHN 2:5-6 NIV

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

# ECCLÉSIASTES

## 12:12-14 NIV

Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body. Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

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