

GOD WANTS A FAMILY 11 - GOD'S AMAZING FAMILY

I. WHY DID GOD WANT A FAMILY? *He wanted to do something amazing!*

A. OUR FAMILY IS ONE WITH GOD

Ephesians 4:3-6 TPT

*Be faithful to guard the sweet harmony of the Holy Spirit among you in the bonds of peace, [4] being one body and one spirit, as you were all called into the same glorious hope of divine destiny. [5] **For the Lord God is one, and so are we**, for we share in one faith, one baptism, and one Father. [6] **And he is the perfect Father who leads us all, works through us all, and lives in us all!***

1. WE ARE ENTANGLED TOGETHER IN CHRIST

THE LOVE OF FAMILY - We are part of our family and our family is part of us. We all are ***entangled together in Christ.***

2. SPECIAL FAMILY MOMENTS - WE MAKE FAMILY MEMORIES!

- **Read alouds** - The best times together. "Where the red fern grows" LOTR All creatures Great and Small - James Herriot
- **Crazy things we do** - Taking the dogs/ cat/ kids into mall for photo shoot
- **Celebrations** - birthdays (SURPRISE!), weddings, graduations, reunions
- **Mistakes**, Struggles, Illness, Separations, Passing of Loved Ones
- **The Unbreakable Bonds of Family** - Tacoma, Redding, Worship, Prayer, Freedom, Mission Trips, painting the church (church of many colors), Tents in the field, friendships, losses, too. Miracles, Healings, Breakthroughs. ***WE CAN STILL MAKE MEMORIES!***

II. THERE IS NO OTHER FAMILY LIKE OUR FAMILY

A. AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THE WORLD

1John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.**

1. HIS SONS ESTABLISH AND EXTEND HIS RULE ON EARTH

2. HIS SONS DEMONSTRATES AND EMBODIES HIS LOVE

3. HIS SONS TAKE ON HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO SHINE

4. HIS SONS ARE REVOLUTIONARIES OF DIVINE LOVE AND POWER

Romans 8:18-21 TPT

*I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the **magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us.** [19] The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters! [20] For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, [21] all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children.*

B. EXERCISING AUTHORITY IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF HIS SONS

1. WE POSSESS OUR TERRITORY - WE TRAIN TO REIGN - JOSHUA NOT ABOUT BEING IN CHARGE. ABOUT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

JOSH 1:2 *"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, **to the land which I am giving to them**—the children of Israel. **3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you***

ILLUSTRATION: *My dad and uncle were given wild goats. All they had to do was catch them...* THERE'S A LESSON THERE WAITING TO BE EXPERIENCED

2. OUR ASSIGNMENT IS STILL DOMINION AND FRUITFULNESS

Matt. 28:18 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19 Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Amen.

3. OUR AUTHORITY IS TO BE USED TO DISPLACE DEMONIC POWER *Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. **Acts 10:38; 1John 3:8***

Luke 10:19 *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20** Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

C. THE POWER OF BELONGING

**WE KNOW WE BELONG IN HIS FAMILY BECAUSE OF HIS PROMISE
TO OUR BLOODLINE - We are Bloodline of Christ, the Seed of Abraham**

Gal. 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1. **WE ARE CONNECTED to our family** on earth and our family in heaven. Jesus has united us into one family. That is huge because it speaks to the **IRRESISTIBLE FORCE OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE.**

Col. 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, **20** and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace **through the blood of His cross.**

Eph. 1:10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might **gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.**

2. **WE ARE AMBASSADORS.** God's amazing family declares His glory, His supremacy and His love. We are His Agents. Proxy

2Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.** **20** Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us:** we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

3. **THERE IS A RE-ORDERING** of operational authority is NOW in progress. Jesus already won and we are enforcing HIS victory. All things are being brought under His feet. **That IS our mission and purpose.**

Heb. 2:5 NLT And furthermore, **it is not angels [ELOHIM] who will control the future world we are talking about.** ⁶ For in one place the Scriptures say, "What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him?" ⁷ Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁸ You gave them authority over all things." Now when it says "all things," it means nothing is left out. **But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.** ⁹ What we do see is Jesus, who for

a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” ...

Heb. 2:14 NKJV *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **16** For indeed He does not give aid to angels, **but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.***

III. THE FUTURE OF OUR FAMILY

THE CITY OF GOD - The Mountain of God - Zion

Heb. 12:22 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23** to the **general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven**, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24** to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.*

A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN

Heb. 12:28 *Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken**, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **29** For **our God is a consuming fire***

THE FUTURE CHURCH

REV 21:2 *Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. **4** And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**”*

BE A RIVER OF LIFE - A TREE OF LIFE - HEALING FOR NATIONS

Rev. 22:1 *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **4** They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. **5** There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. **And they shall reign forever and ever.***