

Mother's Day

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will live like Jesus and the cross matter above all else.
- I will work to promote unity in the church.
- I will bring my relationships and disappointments to the cross.
- I will not get caught up in disunity over stupid stuff.
- I will not create disunity over my preferences, individual interests or ideas.

SERMON SUMMARY

Do you find yourself grappling with disappointment in your relationships? Join us this Mother's Day to find hope and encouragement as we delve into the struggles of parenthood and discover how God's holiness forms the foundation of His love for us, no matter our failings.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people experience a range of emotions on Mother's Day, and how can we support those who may be struggling? Do you know someone who may be grappling with these emotions on Mother's Day, and how can you be there for them in a helpful way?

2. How does the church, Blue Oaks, provide a space for people with different experiences and emotions regarding parenthood? What role does your church or faith community play in supporting individuals experiencing complex emotions around parenthood?

3. According to the sermon, what are some misconceptions about happiness and parenthood? How can we adjust our mindset to achieve happiness and fulfillment in parenthood even if it is not the ideal experience we once imagined?

4. How does God respond to disappointment in the face of disobedience and betrayal, as seen in the book of Hosea? What can we learn from God in how we respond to disappointment in our relationships and parenthood?

5. What are the three key thoughts Pastor Matt offers for dealing with disappointment, and which resonates with you the most? When faced with disappointment, how can you apply the most resonant thought to your own life?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- Hosea 11:1-9
- 1 Samuel 30:6

Next Steps

- I will bring my disappointment to God.
- I will not base the wellbeing of my heart on the outcome of someone else's life.
- I will not live in the misery of anyone whose life is hard.
- I will find strength in the Lord my God.
- I will not allow disappointment to blind me to goodness.

Prayer Request(s)

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