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## As It Is In Heaven: Family Values

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In today's world it can be hard to know how to raise a family on Godly values. Where do we start? How do we keep God at the center of the family? You might come from a family that is extremely healthy where your parents modeled what it looked like to follow Jesus even in their brokenness. You may come from a broken family that never really knew Jesus or a dysfunctional family that chased after Jesus relentlessly. Regardless of your childhood or current family situation, you can't deny God's purpose and design for family.

### Key Scripture | Joshua 24:14-15

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

### Related Scriptures

Genesis 1:28; Genesis 9:1; Genesis 17:7; Deuteronomy 5:16; 2 Kings 17:40-41; Psalm 78:4-7; Romans 8:15-17; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 1:15-19; 1 Peter 2:9-10

### Icebreakers:

Q: What was your favorite thing to do with your family growing up?



## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

### I. God has a purpose and design for family.

Q: What was your family dynamic like growing up?

Q: What is something your family of origin taught you that you bring to your relationships today?

Q: Would you classify your current family unit as healthy?

### II. God has given a mission to family.

Q: "Love the Lord with all your heart and to impress these values on the hearts of children." Do you have a family bible verse? This doesn't have to be for a family unit of you and your spouse and kids. This can be you and your parents, you and your siblings, or you praying over a future family!

Q: When Jesus instituted the church... He called us spiritual family. Do you feel like you have a spiritual family?

Q: The family is a target for our enemy. How do you help your family "get ready" for battle or hard times?

### III. Your family allegiance, identity, and calling are found in Christ.

Q: Identify your allegiance. What gets your first and best in your calendar?

Q: Settle your Identity. What are you defined by in your life? Has there been something in your life that you feel has defined part of your identity?

Q: Settle your calling. How do you give God the glory daily?

## Get Practical

In the context of "family", God helps us settle our allegiance, identity, and calling. The secret to building these things is to connect with a spiritual family. We aren't meant to live alone. You need brothers and sisters to stand with you as a spiritual family while you lead your family. If you are not in a group already, find time this week to go to [12stone.com/groups](https://12stone.com/groups) and join a group – they're just getting started!