



Your Family is God's Divine Creation

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TEXT: GENESIS 1:26-28, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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Family Made - Invite God's restoring power to renew your family.

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We have a good map in God's Word, an accurate compass with his Spirit alive in us, and a heavenly vision for finishing the journey.

"Never go alone."

How would you describe the current state of your family right now?

Ask God to show you.

- Are you alone on the trail?
- Are you lost?
- Is someone with you hurt and in need of care?
- Are you making your way and able to help others on their journey?

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

Throughout the Bible:

- God provided a sure way for how to live together in a family that honors him and blesses others.
- Every family in scripture fell short of God's way.

Jesus welcomes every family at the cross. No matter what your family style might look like or what your current circumstances might be.



Every breath is a grace. Every day is a new mercy.

“In the beginning, God created...”

Genesis 1:1

“God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.’”

Genesis 1:26-28

The Hebrew term ‘*elohim*’ is the plural form of god and literally means ‘*gods*.’

God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - the Trinity. God reveals himself to us as one God in three unique and distinct persons.

God the Father Almighty created everything seen and unseen and reigns over all creation.

God the Son, Christ Jesus, is God incarnate and sent by the Father into the world to save us from sin and reconcile our broken relationship back to right with our Heavenly Father.

God the Holy Spirit helps us live our lives according to God’s way.

The Trinity is like H₂O: one molecule expressed in 3 distinct states - liquid, solid, and gas.

God exists within himself in a perfect fellowship of love.

“God is love” (1 *John 1:8*)

God created you in family to make you whole in a committed relationship with your parents, children and your extended relatives to sustain you throughout your life.

God created you in love for love to join together with another in the sacred union of covenantal love between one man and one woman to form a family for God’s continued work of transforming love through you!

Six keystones every family needs to build a home where God’s love makes new!

- **Presence** - in all roles of the family
- **Perseverance** - in marriages
- **Preparation** - in raising children



- **Protection** - in multigenerational family influence
- **Prayer** - in Fatherhood
- **Participation** - in Family Team Vision

Presence - God modeled this in the Garden for all families to follow.

“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20 NLT

Your presence at home is priceless.

“If you want to change the world, then go home and love your family.” – Mother Teresa

Love requires your presence to grow.

How might your family experience the renewing love of Christ through your consistent presence?

What made the Garden of Eden the Garden of Delight was God’s up close and personal presence with man and woman. There was a mutual affection and intimacy they enjoyed.

“God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.”
Galatians 4:6

Your heart is like an outpost for Eden, a remote site of God’s larger heavenly kingdom from where he reigns as king.

All love needs to grow is you. Your family needs you.

Show up with your eyes, your heart and your hands open.

- Where your eyes go, the rest of you will follow – phone, work.
- Empathize with how others feel. Lower your guard, connect.
- Be ready to help, to support, and to do something, to act.

Proximity speaks the language of obligation, but presence speaks the language of love.

Be Present.

Love grows when a person sees, feels, and acts for another.



With your committed and engaged presence, you will begin to experience your family as an outpost of Eden, God's delight - a place where heaven touches earth through the presence of God's Spirit alive and renewing you.

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