

Day 5 - Family Worship

Right now, EVERYthing you're doing probably involves your family. Maybe the only people you're even seeing face to face or talking to regularly is your family. Hopefully, you are seeing the benefits of spending time together (and not focusing on the stress part! 😊). Are you utilizing these extra hours, days, and weeks to worship the Lord together?

Read *Joshua 24:14-15*.

- How are we to serve the Lord in our worship? What does serving the Lord look like?
- Has your family made a choice to openly serve the Lord?

Oftentimes, we make "family worship" just a trip to church, going to our Sunday School classes and then the worship service. Many of us may not even sit together for any of this. It's not exactly worshipping the Lord together as a family, is it? Do not let the corporate gathering of God's people be a substitute for what you need to do at home. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to train our children to know God. This starts at home. Much like your private/personal worship, this is a vital choice you must make as a family – to serve the Lord together.

Read *Ephesians 6:1-4*.

- What are the instructions given to children? To parents?
(*children, obey; parents, your discipline and instruction should model the discipline and instruction of God*)
- How can you make these instructions worship to the Lord?

Read *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*.

- What are we to be teaching to our children?
- To what measure did God tell the Israelites to do in order they remember His words?
(*activity idea: chalk write Scripture or God's promises on your driveway*)

Each thing we do, we have learned from somewhere. Having a strong relationship with God is no different. What are we teaching our families? How much intentional time are you giving to asking how God is speaking Truth to you and to sharing how you spent time in worship today? Maybe you need to acknowledge you don't worship together as a family. Take time to start reading Scripture together and then discuss it. John 1 is always a great place to begin. Read a chapter, pray together, be vulnerable with each other, and allow your family worship to God to knit you together and with Him. If your kids are grown and out of the house, call them and continue to invest in family worship with them and your grandkids. Make special family time to do so.

Sing whatever worship song your family decides to sing together, and then share what you like best about worshipping together as a family.

May we make 3 John 1:4 our goal today as families.