



5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

SERIES: FAMILY MATTERS

Sermon 2: Keep Marriage Sacred

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Day 1: The Foundation of Family

Devotional: Before cities and governments, written language, before nations, temples, churches, there were families. The family is the most important institution in the world. It is within the family that character is formed, integrity is born, and values are made clear. Genesis 2:24 tells us, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' This sacred union is the bedrock of society. When we prioritize our families and build our homes on the foundation of God's Word, we set the stage for a thriving community and nation. Reflect on the importance of your family today. How can you contribute to making your home a place where godly values are nurtured and upheld? Prayer: Lord, help me to see the importance of my family in Your grand design. Guide me to be a source of love, integrity, and godly values in my home. Amen.

Bible Verse: 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' - Genesis 2:24

Reflection Question: How can you contribute to making your home a place where godly values are nurtured and upheld?

Quote: Before cities and governments, written language, before nations, temples, churches, there were families. And the family is the most important institution in the world. Because if the home goes, the nation is going to go.

Prayer: Lord, help me to see the importance of my family in Your grand design. Guide me to be a source of love, integrity, and godly values in my home. Amen.

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Day 2: Building on God's Foundation

Devotional: Psalm 127:1 reminds us, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.' Our efforts to build strong families and homes must be rooted in God's guidance and strength. Without Him, our efforts are futile. Marriage is a covenant that includes God as the third partner. When we commit our all to God, He supplies the empowerment needed to stay together and thrive. Consider how you can invite God into the daily building of your home. Are there areas where you need to rely more on His strength and guidance? Prayer: Father, I acknowledge that without You, my efforts are in vain. Help me to build my home on Your foundation and rely on Your strength and guidance every day. Amen.

Bible Verse: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.' - Psalm 127:1

Reflection Question: Are there areas where you need to rely more on God's strength and guidance in your home?

Quote: Unless the Lord builds a house, they that labor in vain who build it, unless the Lord guards the city.

Prayer: Father, I acknowledge that without You, my efforts are in vain. Help me to build my home on Your foundation and rely on Your strength and guidance every day. Amen.

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Day 3: The Gift of Companionship

Devotional: God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone.' He created Eve as a companion for Adam, equal in spiritual standing but complementary in nature. Genesis 2 highlights that Eve was not an afterthought but part of God's plan all along. She was created to be a helper and companion, someone with whom Adam could relate, interact, and do life together. This divine design emphasizes the importance of companionship and mutual support in marriage. Reflect on the companionship in your marriage or relationships. How can you better support and relate to your spouse or loved ones? Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of companionship. Help me to be a supportive and loving partner, reflecting Your design for mutual support and love. Amen.

Bible Verse: 'And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."' - Genesis 2:18

Reflection Question: How can you better support and relate to your spouse or loved ones?

Quote: God said, it's not good for man to be alone. It wasn't good or beneficial. It's not good or beneficial for people to live in isolation for a long period of time. We're not made for that.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of companionship. Help me to be a supportive and loving partner, reflecting Your design for mutual support and love. Amen.

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Day 4: Sacrificial Love

Devotional: Ephesians 5:25-30 calls husbands to love their wives just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. This sacrificial love is the cornerstone of a thriving marriage. True love means putting the best interest of your spouse ahead of your own, which does not come naturally. It requires daily prayer, immersion in God's Word, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. When love grows cold, the solution isn't finding someone new but returning to God's design through prayer and recommitment. Think about how you can show sacrificial love to your spouse or loved ones today. What steps can you take to prioritize their needs above your own? Prayer: Lord, teach me to love sacrificially as Christ loved the church. Help me to prioritize the needs of my spouse and loved ones, and to seek Your guidance in all things. Amen.

Bible Verse: 'Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.' - Ephesians 5:25

Reflection Question: What steps can you take to prioritize the needs of your spouse above your own?

Quote: To truly love someone means to put their best interest ahead of ours. That does not come natural. The natural man looks out for himself.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to love sacrificially as Christ loved the church. Help me to prioritize the needs of my spouse and loved ones, and to seek Your guidance in all things. Amen.

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Day 5: A Fresh Start

Devotional: God meets us where we are, offering forgiveness and a fresh start regardless of past mistakes. Ephesians 5:31-33 reminds us of the sacredness of marriage and the importance of mutual respect and submission. If we've been off track in the past, today is the day to make a change. God can revive relationships, dreams, and connections. Nothing is impossible for those who believe. Consider any areas in your relationships that need a fresh start. How can you invite God into these areas for healing and renewal? Prayer: Lord, thank You for offering forgiveness and a fresh start. Help me to invite You into the areas of my life and relationships that need healing and renewal. Amen.

Bible Verse: 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.' - Ephesians 5:31-32

Reflection Question: How can you invite God into the areas of your life and relationships that need healing and renewal?

Quote: If we've been off track in the past, today is the day. Today is the day. Don't tell yourself this is the way it's been, this is the way it's going to always be. We have a new day.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for offering forgiveness and a fresh start. Help me to invite You into the areas of my life and relationships that need healing and renewal. Amen.

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