

FAMILY MATTERS By Lucinda Davidoff January 9, 2022

When we were born we were all born into an earthly family.

Family was God's first institution or vehicle that he produced to facilitate His purpose on earth.

You have been ADOPTED.

You have been ADOPTED into the most loving, caring, life giving and wealthiest families on earth and as long as you yield to Holy Spirits ways and His Word you cannot fail. Cause in Him there is NO failure.

We are adopted into the family of God so that we can now model life giving relationships.

Or if you are single God provides you the opportunity to press the RESET button and be adopted into the family of God and walk out God's plan for your life.

Ephesians 1:5 "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."

No matter what culture we have come from or what family environment we grew up in, we can receive total healing in and through Jesus and live out an unconditional love and a life changing truth.

We are to lay down cultures, superstitions or emotional or abusive cycles that come through our family lines and take up our new life in Jesus. His ways

God's blood now flows through your veins

So God's general mandate to man is

Genesis 1:27 So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And **God blessed them**, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth

God created you and your spouse and children to have dominion as families

The family structure provides **nurturing and support** : Nurturing does not come naturally to all adults and nurturing practices *can* be learned. Children who are nurtured learn to treat themselves, others and their environment in a nurturing way.

Matthew 22:25-40 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The family structure provides **economic provision** to get have our daily physical needs met and also sets us up with skills to thrive economically as we go into the real world

In the family structure we learn that God is our source and He is our only source. He is our source for economic provision, He is our source for emotional fulfillment, He is our source for healing.

The family structure is where we learn to **manage and control our emotions**.

In the family structure we learn about the fruit of the Spirit

That God is our equilibrium

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

We learn we do not live by feelings but by faith! Feelings can be lying feelings- so we have to renew our minds to truth and our feelings will follow,

The family structure is the training ground of where we learn **how to have dominion God's way.**

We learn that we are not victims of our circumstances but that we are masters of our circumstances in and through Christ Jesus

We TRUST that God is the savior of our families AND we simply have to yield.

Some of us were born into fairly stable, loving nurturing homes. Others of us were born into dysfunctional homes but the great news this morning is that we can do a FAMILY RESET as we learn from the various speakers in our series!

If we haven't been modeling God's family dynamic – There is always an opportunity to SHIFT.

Living a life of consecration:

Consecration means to make holy or to be dedicate to a higher purpose. To be set apart for a higher purpose.

Consecration separate yourself from anything that could contaminate your relationship with God

Consecration in the Hebrew reads Kadesh- which means HOLY.

- 1. God want to do wonders but requires heart attitude of consecration from you**

Joshua 3:5 Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

For you to be set apart you need to step away from some things?

You may need to step away from perverse lips

You may need to step away from unclean hands

You may need to step away from feet that run towards iniquity and sin

Your first step of consecration is accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior- that means you give up Lordship of your own life and also of your families lives and you defer to Christ’s leadership

God has new blessings, new seasons, new territories, new time, new land for us to conquer but before the crossing over there has to be consecration.

A heart consecration is necessary so that there will be a stability and a steadfastness in your purpose even when ALL hell is breaking loose around you.

With the new opportunities and blessings, will come new enemies and new challenges. But if our hearts are consecrated and set apart we will not draw back when the challenges come.

2. We wait on the presence and leading of the Lord during consecration:

During the waiting God will share with you what to do.

Joshua 3:1 Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. **2** After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3** giving orders to the people: **“When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. 4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way

before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

Don't go ahead of God- let Him lead you- trust His timing and His ways – even if it doesn't make any sense to you.

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3. In the waiting your impossible situation will be highlighted for a season

Well we know this story of Joshua leading God's people toward the promised land- they have to cross a flooded river.

So where is the presence of God leading them – towards a flooded river.

Well you cant cross a flooded river unless the Lord is going to part the flooded river.

For three days as the children of Israel wait for their next steps all they see in the physical is a flooded river.

Sometimes God has to show us impossible situations so that when He does the miracle He gets the glory

Faith doesn't ignore the problem, it looks at the problem, It recognizes the problem, it sizes up the problem and recognizes the human impossibility to fix the problem and then chooses to believe God to do the impossible

Faith focuses on a MIGHTY God not an exaggerated enemy who by the way is defeated

4. Part of our consecration is how we present God to people.

During my 4 years of university I had to take a subject called commercial law and I remember vividly that those that wrote about what the law was trying to achieve would say lets look at the letter of the law and then at the spirit of the law. You see many are so obsessed with following the letter of the law that they have forgotten the spirit of the law.

Gods word gives us parameters in which to live but His heart was not to regulate us by rules instead His heart was to show us His great love for us and that He wishes to keep us safe and prospering and therefore provides paramteres as He knows best.

And so because that is what we see our Father do we have to do the same.

We want to live in such a way that when people encounter us they are forced to consider the reality of God

Don't live an ordinary life – you are called to be a high priest, a Holy nation.

When we sanctify ourselves we also sanctify the Lord as we are representing Him

Numbers 20:

The LORD said to Moses, **8** "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. **Speak to that rock** before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

9 So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him.

10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "**Listen, you rebels,** must we bring you water out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Numbers 27:12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. **13** After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, **14** for when the

community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes.” (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

Moses was representing God and God wanted to show the people that He was merciful but Moses was angry and therefore misrepresented God to the people. Portray God as merciful and not as angry.

We can do the right thing with the wrong attitude and take away from God’s holiness.

We can be so self righteous that we take away from the righteousness of God.

Matthew 19:13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

1 Peter 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

How do we consecrate our children:

Children need to be brought to Jesus.

1. We bring children to Jesus by bringing them to church and teaching them the importance of the assembly of the saints
2. We bring children to Jesus by taking moments in our day for connection to their hearts and then drawing them to into discipleship conversation
3. making time daily to teach them the word either by reading the word or watching bible stories and discussing them
4. We bring children to Jesus by our conduct- our lives need to give off an aroma of Christ

5. Consecration comes before the wonders

When we set our hearts to align with God's heart we see the possibilities that God sees.

God is calling as a church to a renewed or deeper holiness so He can do wonders in our midst.

Sometimes we think God is going to do whatever He is going to do regardless of us and that is not true.

Sometimes we miss out on things simply because we are not positioned to receive what He has for us.

The presence of the Lord reveals sin and therefore requires repentance.

If we want to see God work then we need to walk in purity.

Psalm 66:18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, **the Lord would not have listened**"

On the one hand you are seeking God and on the other hand your tolerating sin that displeasing to God

You have to choose if you want to see the power and the presence of God

Change of habits, some of your patterns, some of your possessions, change in how you are doing some of the aspects of your life and God is showing you exactly what that is

2 Corinthians 6:17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Some are binge watching episodes and that spirit that is on this program is contaminating your spirit and defiling your calling.

Or you're so immersed in things that are defiling your spirit and affecting your faith.

You have got a choice.

Do you want the presence of God and the power of God or the world's sensuality and corruption filling your heart and mind?

Your gaming has consumed you?

Social media.

Gaming or watching More than you pray, work or spend time with your family.

2 Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. ²²Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. ²⁴And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: