

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Blessed Assurance, It Is Well, God Is Able, At The Cross

## WELCOME

**Our Family.** Share to the group an adjective that best describes your family.

## WORD

### GENESIS 3:1–6

<sup>1</sup> *The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”* <sup>2</sup> *“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied.* <sup>3</sup> *“It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”* <sup>4</sup> *“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.* <sup>5</sup> *“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”* <sup>6</sup> *The woman was convinced...*

### GENESIS 3 ATTACK

The “Genesis 3 attack” is an attack on the family. From day one, the devil’s game plan is to destroy the world by destroying the family. How is the devil expanding that strategy to oppress families today?

We are living in the digital revolution. Half of the world’s population today is connected to the Internet. In the Philippines alone, 1 of every 2 Filipinos has access to the Internet. Our country is also the number one Internet user in the world, with an average usage of 5 hours a day, spent mostly on social media.

Further statistics from various survey sources show the dismal moral breakdown in the country. The Philippines is among the:

- Top 10 LGBT population in the world
- Top 10 with most number of prostitutes
- Top 10 in HIV growth rate in the world
- Top Teen pregnancy in ASEAN
- Top Depression in SEA
- Top Porn Surfers (even women)

No wonder, homes are disintegrating, morality is collapsing, and priorities are misaligned. That all these are happening to the Philippines, supposedly the only Christian nation with a mostly conservative population, means that families are indeed under attack.

### I WILL PROTECT THIS HOUSE

**1 Peter 5:8** tells us that we need to stay alert, keeping watch of our *real* enemy. It is the devil, not our spouses or any of the family members, who wants to see our families divided and destroyed.

On the contrary, we need to keep in mind that God loves us and He wants our families protected and restored, that is regardless of the present state or format of our respective families and whether or not we come from a broken family.

But how are we to protect our homes against the enemy? It begins with each one of us, saying with conviction, “I will protect this house. I will protect this family!” Within areas under our control, there are specific things we can do to keep our family protected:

#### 1. Follow God’s Design (Ephesians 5:23–24) –

God’s design for the family is for it to be a “showcase.” The husband is the head of the family while the wife is the helpmate. The husband is supposed to reflect the image of Christ as the head of the church and the wife is likened to the Church who submits to Christ. The husband and wife showcase what the relationship is between Christ and the Church. This is the character that children see in their parents and so they follow it.

Also, fathers must reflect the unconditional love of God toward their children (**Luke 15:20**).

God also designed our families to be the vehicle to pass on His Word and His ways (**Psalms 78:4–7**).

Family members are called to share who God is,

# WORD (cont'd)

His wondrous work and how He has transformed us when we gave our lives to Jesus. We dearly keep God's Word as our families' story book. Instead of just passing religion to the next generation, we are to cultivate faith and an intimate relationship with God in their hearts.

## 2. Be the Right Model (1 Corinthians 11:1) –

Children naturally watch their parents as their role models. God has called the parents to lead their children toward Christlikeness and to model for them the right character, mission, values, perspective, authenticity, gender roles, and priorities. Children copy what they see from their parents, so parents must always be on guard.

Every now and then, family members should ask how they might have hurt each other, seek for forgiveness, and seek how they can improve for the better. This will bring healing and restoration to the family.

Today's family is under attack, and our call to action is to protect it. But understandably, even when we do it with all our might, we cannot do it by ourselves. If we truly want to protect the house, we must go to God. Ultimately, He is the One who will and can protect any house.

*"But the Lord is **faithful**, and He will **strengthen** you and **protect** you from the evil one."*

**- 2 Thessalonians 3:3**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. House Attack.** What is the "Genesis 3 attack" according to the passage? How is it manifesting today?
- 2. Our House.** Is your family under attack? How do you see God protecting your family from the enemy?
- 3. I Will.** What is your role in your family? What will you do to protect your home?

# WORKS

## BE THE RIGHT MODEL

Write at least one specific action step for each item below pertaining on how you can be the right model for your biological and spiritual children:

- Model the right character  
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- Model the right mission  
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- Model the right values  
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- Model the right perspective  
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- Model the right kind of authenticity  
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- Model the right gender roles  
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- Model the right priorities  
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## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends