

IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT THAT YOU ARE HERE.

God brought you here for **His** purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

- **All of your sins — past, present and future — are paid for and forgiven.**

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. — Colossians 1:13-14

- **You are a new person in God's eyes. A new life has begun for you.**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! — 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **You are a child of God!**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, — John 1:12



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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Engage Your Family

Spirituality is developed at home. Part of CCF's Core Values is to Engage The Family, which means to get involved and invested in the lives of our family members. The family is the most basic foundation of human society, and as Zig Ziglar once said "As the family goes, so goes the nation."

The importance of assuming responsibility in the family is emphasized in the failure of Eli the priest in disciplining his sons (1 Samuel 1:3). Hophni and Phinehas were "worthless men" who did not know the LORD (1 Samuel 2:12). Eli was so busy doing his duties that he wasn't able to disciple his sons. He did not even know that his sons did not know the Lord and were not walking with the Lord. They did not steward their influence, and their family was disgraced.

Deuteronomy 6 talks about the Israelites when they were about to take on the Promised Land. God instructed Moses and His people to follow His commandments — to fearing the Lord and to keep His decrees with the purpose of them being able to enjoy long life, and to obey so that it may go well with them (Deuteronomy 6:1-3). This is the heart of God: His purpose for His commands is not to kill our happiness but to guard us and help us put boundaries so that we will not mess up. Verses 4-6 show that the first thing God's people need to teach their family is to love the Lord their God with ALL their heart, soul, and mind. The command was given in Deuteronomy 6:7 to disciple or train others in the ways of God, and pass this on by choosing to "teach them diligently" as they sit, walk, lie down, and rise.

To do this, we follow the MRI Principle.

Modeling

Children copy us either positively or negatively. In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul commands the Corinthian believers to be imitators of him just as he imitates Christ. Does the way we live show Christ living in us? There's no way that we can reflect Jesus if our lives are not surrendered to Him. We can model humility, most especially in how we respond to corrections that we receive. Modeling is not about perfection, but about authenticity. Learn to admit mistakes, and work to change for the better. We can ask our loved ones what we must start doing and stop doing, so that we can truly model Christlikeness.

Relationship

The closer the relationship, the greater the influence. Jesus understood this principle — in Mark 3:14, Jesus

chose 12 disciples and spent time with them. The people we spend time with have an important role. 1 Corinthians 15:33 tells us that bad company corrupts good morals. The power of influence is proportionate to the closeness of the relationship. The closer children are to their parents, the less they are influenced by their peers. The more peer-oriented the children are, the less they will be influenced by their parents.

We are social beings. We must provide that venue for relationships to grow stronger. How do we do this? We can find out what others enjoy doing and spend time doing these with them. We must learn to listen to the people we want to build relationships with. How is your relationship with your family members? Do they want to spend time with you?

Intentionality

Good results seldom happen by chance. They are a product of intentionality. If we want to build something, we must have a plan. We must follow a design. To be intentional is to be deliberate and purposeful.

Proverbs 22:6 gives us a command to TRAIN UP (direct one's appetite towards a specific direction) children. It has a sense in which we break self-will to learn to follow God's will. This takes great intentionality and discipline. We are to TEACH our family important topics like identity, the truth about the world, family, friendship, marriage, and more importantly, all things about God.

Sooner or later, we will depart from this life. We must ask the question: what will we leave behind? What kind of influence will be your legacy? C.S. Lewis said, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance. If true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." We need to take who Jesus is and living according to His ways seriously. We are not being asked to leave a legacy of religion but of a real, deep love toward God and the relationships He entrusted to us, beginning with our families.

CCF believes that Every Family is a Discipleship group (EFAD). By Modeling, investing in the Relationship, and being Intentional, discipleship can begin at home.



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