

Make Your Family a Blessing

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God's design for the family is to be a blessing within and to others. You can make a positive impact on your spouse and children (for spouses and parents); parents, siblings, and other relatives (for young and adult children); and on your spiritual family (for all followers of Jesus). But the greatest threat to the family today is idolatry of self — the most dangerous form of idolatry — and external threats are taking advantage of this internal problem. How do we address this threat and make our family a blessing? Let's look at the example of the Rechabites.

Identity: Anchored in Christ

WHO were the Rechabites? (Jeremiah 35:1-6)

During Jeremiah's lifetime as a prophet, the Lord had him do a lot of strange things as object lessons to prove a point to the Israelites. He ministered during a time when the southern kingdom of Judah was precariously close to being invaded, taken over, and eventually exiled by the Babylonians. In Jeremiah 35:1-6, the Lord commanded Jeremiah to bring the Rechabites to a "chamber in the house of the Lord" and give them wine to drink — but all of them refused to drink wine.

The Rechabites were not Israelites but were assimilated among them. Rechab was a Kenite, related to the Midianites (Jethro, Moses' father-in-law). They were nomads (tent dwellers) and adhered to a lifestyle that went "against the tide", starting with their forefather Jonadab. Similarly, we are to live against the tide as members of God's family. In His love, we are adopted as His children (1 John 3:1) when we surrender our lives in faith to Jesus. Our identity is also anchored in Him:

John 1:12	I am God's child.
1 Corinthians 6:20	I have been bought with a price.
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body.
Ephesians 1:4-5, 7	I have been chosen, adopted, redeemed, and forgiven by God.
Colossians 2:10	I am complete in Christ.
Romans 8:38-39	Nothing can separate me from God's love.
Ephesians 2:10	I am God's masterpiece.

Integrity: Anchored on God's Word

WHY were the Rechabites so different? (Jeremiah 35:7-10)

The Rechabites lived a principle-centered life. Aside from not drinking wine, there was a host of other things that Jonadab said this family would live by (vv.7-10). Part of what was passed on to the next generation was the assurance that they may live long — and they never forgot this promise. They knew that there is blessing in obedience.

Integrity is more than just honesty. It means we consistently live a principle-centered life and are the same person outside

and inside the home. As children of God, the principles we live by must be based on God's principles. What can we learn from the Rechabites that we can apply in our own lives?

- I will give God full control of my life by being filled with His Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:12)
- This world is not my home, so I will not be attached to anything in it. (1 Chronicles 29:15)
- I will love God instead of the things and ways of this world. (1 John 2:15-16)
- I will love God by obeying Him. (1 John 5:2-3)

Inheritance: Anchored on Pleasing God

WHAT did God have to say about them? (Jeremiah 35:12-17)

Through the example of the Rechabites, God was telling His people that His desire is to bless them and for them to enjoy His blessing. However, the people did not bother to listen to what He had to say (vv.12-17). Ultimately, the Lord recognized how the Rechabites listened to their earthly father and rebuked the Israelites for not listening to their own heavenly Father.

What God thinks of us is important. What will God say about us?

Integration

HOW can we apply these principles so our families can be a blessing? (Jeremiah 35:18-19)

Bible commentators estimate the gap from Jonadab (800++ BC) to Jaazaniah (600++ BC) to be 240 to 250 years, at least 6 generations. They never forgot who their father was and what he told them. In Jeremiah 35:18-19, God blessed the Rechabites by assuring their family that they will always have people who will know, love, believe, and serve Him. How do we apply that to our family today?

Deuteronomy 6:6-9	Application Today
Words on your heart	study and apply the Bible personally; set the example
Teach diligently	whet appetite; sharpen like knives
Sit, walk, lie, rise	grab every opportunity
hand, forehead	apply in our thoughts and actions
doorposts of house; gates	create a God' centered environment

God's greatest blessing came through families — through Abraham in Genesis 12:3, Isaac in Genesis 26:4, and Jacob in Genesis 28:14 — but the greatest blessing of all is Jesus (John 3:16)! Let God bless you first, then go make your family a blessing!

last week's memory verse

therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me always."

JEREMIAH 35:19

discuss this message

Is your identity in Christ? How can you help your family find their identity in Christ?

Are you living a life of integrity, i.e. obeying God's word in all aspects of life? How can you help your family do the same?

What inheritance will your family leave behind, i.e. what do you want God to say about your family?

What will your family do today to integrate what we learned into your family culture?

DOWNLOAD THIS CHRONICLE ONLINE!

ccf.org.ph/chronicle/

DOWNLOAD THIS SUNDAY'S 4WS EVERY MONDAY!

ccf.org.ph/4ws/

Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and
let's discuss about it.

Step Into the Community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!




WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

SPECIAL EVENT

Beholding Beauty with A Woman's Forum

with Earl Beja-Paolo and AWF Team
September 19, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE


  ccfwomen2women
 CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN

A Friend for Adversity

September 28, Saturday
2:00 PM, CCF Center

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE



  movingmentochrist

NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

In Focus: Service in the Family

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
message us at facebook.com/ccfnxtgen
to sign up

ONLINE: Bible Lesson Video Premiere
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

Learn More About Our Faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

Stay tuned for the upcoming GLC training cycle starting September 15!

GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday
10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday
1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday
1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: September 19, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Register & enroll here: linktr.ee/ccfglc

Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders

with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou

Sundays starting September 22
11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

SEPT 22, OCT 6: 2/F New Building

SEPT 29: G/F New Building

Register: bit.ly/GLCPowerUp

Baptism Class and Rites

CLASS: September 15, Sunday, 1:30 PM
G/F New Building

RITEs: September 22, Sunday, 1:30 PM

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

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.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – 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*



REFRESH YOUR FAMILY AT COUNTERFLOW

SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 21 AT CCF CENTER!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!



counterflow.ph



Services at the CCF Center




Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
and 3:00 PM

Online Livestream

 ccf.org.ph  ccfmain  ccfmainTV
9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

Visit ccf.org.ph/live/broadcast-channels/ for the list of broadcast TV channels and radio stations.