



# GOSPEL FAMILY

*Family Devotions for Father's Day Weekend*

## Family Time in the Word:

Read Joshua 24:14-15

LET US LEAD OUR FAMILIES  
TO WORSHIP GOD

**Family Teaching:** Throughout the book of Joshua, we see God take His chosen people and lead them to the land He had promised them centuries before. In the final chapter of the book, God grants His people renewal of His covenant with them. First, He reminds them of His history with them, chronologically storying through their relationship together from the time He called Abraham in Genesis 12, through Moses & the Exodus, all the way to Joshua & the Promise Land. Then, in response to God's faithfulness, Joshua calls all families to fear the Lord and serve Him. This is a call to worship God alone. This is a call to get rid of all idols and anything that would keep us from worshipping the Lord. Joshua leads by example, declaring, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (v. 15). What an example for us today! Let us lead our families to fear, serve, and worship God, and let us worship Him together in our homes today.

**Family Discussion:** Is there anything that keeps our family from worshipping the Lord? What are some ways that we can serve and worship the Lord together? When has God been faithful to our family?

**Family Prayer:** Close with a time of prayer together.

## OUR GREATEST JOY & GREATEST PRAYER

## Family Time in the Word:

Read 3 John 1-4

**Family Teaching:** Imagine you're back in the first century meeting with your church when some letters arrive. The 1st letter is for all of the churches in your region (1 John). The 2nd letter is for your specific church (2 John). The 3rd letter is specifically for you (3 John). Third John is a letter from John to Gaius. John shares some of his prayers for Gaius and then proclaims that his greatest joy comes from simply knowing that Gaius is walking in truth (v. 4). This is one of my favorite Bible verses. When this is our greatest joy, this will become our greatest prayer, and then we will lead our families in such a way that they daily hear & enjoy the Gospel so that they may walk in the truth of the Gospel!

**Family Discussion:** What is your greatest prayer for our family? What would bring you the greatest joy?

**Family Prayer:** Close with a time of prayer together.

## Family Time in the Word:

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

## A LEGACY OF FAITH

**Family Teaching:** Ephesians is only 6 chapters long—155 verses—& yet it powerfully addresses our relationship with God, the church, and our families. Chapter 5 finds Paul speaking to husbands and wives. In chapter 6, Paul addresses another dynamic in the home: the relationship between children and their parents. The first command is for children to obey and honor their parents (v. 1-2), reminding us that children have an active role in the Gospel Family. The next command is for fathers to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (v. 4). Verse 4 is a call for fathers to avoid discouraging their children to the point that they lose heart, but to instead encourage them to follow Christ. The call to "bring them up" is a call to nourish children spiritually, feeding them with the Word of God. What a beautiful reminder that discipleship begins in the home and what a sweet opportunity to pour into the next generation and leave a legacy of faith!

**Family Discussion:** How can we spiritually feed one another? What sort of legacy do we want to leave?

**Family Prayer:** Close with a time of prayer together.