

# CHURCH AS A FAMILY

1 Timothy 3.14, 15 // April 7, 2024

## BUT NOT A PERFECT FAMILY

Paul makes it clear that the church is the household of God, and he is writing so that we would know how to behave *as* the household of God. But the reason he has to write this, is *because we often don't* act like the household of God!

**Like our biological family, we haven't chosen  
our spiritual family. But in God's wisdom,  
they have been chosen for us,**

## PREMEDITATED RESENTMENTS

Though we all *should* act better than our biological families do, we are an "Already/Not Yet" family, nonetheless. Yes, we are "already" the household of God, but we are still "not yet" fully formed as the household of God.

**Idealistic Expectations are Premeditated Resentments.**

Titus 2.11-14

**One of the primary ways He accomplishes this training by  
His grace is by putting you through the difficult,  
sanctifying and suffering process of loving people  
who don't seem to love you back,  
and remaining firmly committed to people  
who are a source of heartbreak in our life  
BECAUSE... THAT IS WHAT HE DID FOR YOU!**

## CHRIST, OUR BIG BROTHER

Hebrews 2.10, 11 // Psalm 130.3, 4

**It is easier to cry against 10,000 sins of others  
than to put to death one of your own.**  
-Tertullian

We become more loving, patient, and merciful by *experiencing* love, patience, and mercy. *Only* when we truly *know* and *receive* these from the Lord by abiding in Him will we truly be able to live this out among others as the household of God.

**We have a great need for Christ,  
But we also have a great Christ for our needs.**  
-Spurgeon

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Women's Gathering:** Tomorrow night (April 8<sup>th</sup>) @7pm at Carrie Erdos' house. Scan the QR code for more details and to sign up!



### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 99: 1-5

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Revelation 21:4-5

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **1 Timothy 3.14, 15**. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the truth of **Hebrews 2.10, 11** act as a reminder to us on how Christ sees us, *even when* we ourselves are not acting like a godly brother or sister? And how does that same truth change the way we see others who are not acting in the manner of Christ?

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### Your Life Mission

The people we live life with and minister to will never be perfect in this life. That's an obvious statement, yet in our minds we subconsciously expect much more from them, and this leads to bitterness and resentment and disappointment. But we are called to be steadfast, patient, and longsuffering, even when we are disappointed. How do you need prayer in your ministry to others as it pertains to your own resentment, disappointment, or even cynicism towards others, and what truths do you need to arm yourself with so that you can minister to them as Christ would?

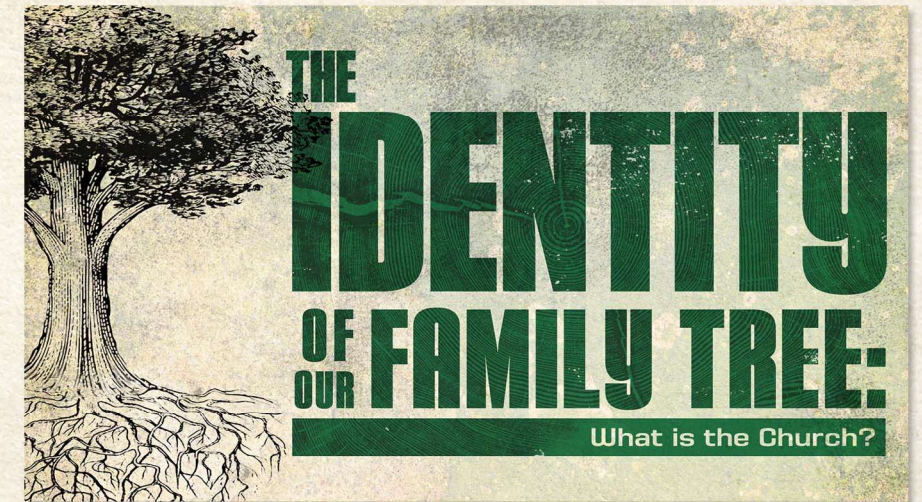
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## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
  - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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