



THE FAMILY GOD DESIGNED

A 5 Day Devotional Series



GOD'S DESIGN IS MULTI-GENERATIONAL

“These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe...so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life...” Deuteronomy 6:1-2 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Deuteronomy 6 begins with a surprising truth: God's instructions were never meant to stop with us. His desire was for children, grandchildren, and generations yet to come to know Him. Family was always intended to be one of God's primary vehicles for passing faith from one generation to the next. How? God gives us a blueprint for success in how to make this possible.

He gives the instructions for success and reveals that obedience to walking in faith and in righteousness must be both “caught” and “taught”. Meaning, God calls parents to lead their children in the fear of the Lord and in reverential awe of Him and His ways and to do what He commands. His promise for following this instruction was that His people would enjoy a long life and all would go well with them.

Note, He doesn't say their lives would always be “perfect”, but their faithfulness would always be met with provision, fruitfulness, and generational blessing. The notion is that God is not requiring perfection, but a commitment to prioritizing relationship with Him and the passing of spiritual values from generation to generation. There is a call to live faithfully, obediently, and wholeheartedly for God. Whether you are the first generation to implement His ways or you are carrying the torch from the previous generation, your role and responsibility is not insignificant.

You are vital to the multi-generational vision that God has for your family.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the vision of family and creating humanity with generations in mind. As we seek You and place You at the center of our home now in the present, teach us how to daily obey You and Your commands with the future generations in mind. Help us live in a way that brings You glory and wholeheartedly exists to honor You and Your ways. Thank you that Your word promises us that if we obey You, we will enjoy long life and all will go well with us. In Jesus Name, Amen.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

“What do we hope our family will be remembered for 50 years from now?”

GOD'S DESIGN BEGINS WITH LOVING HIM

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 opens with a declaration of the laws and commands God calls His people to obey. But, we can't overlook the very thing that makes true obedience possible. Before God tells parents to teach His commands, He tells them to love Him first. The most powerful discipleship tool in your home is not a curriculum or family devotional or rules.

It's a parent whose life genuinely reflects a love for God.

You are the primary role models that teach values and character. Simply telling your child to be faithful to God without living out faithfulness is hypocritical. But, when love for Him supersedes trying to perform for Him or others, the byproduct is usually a life where everything you do becomes a way to worship and honor Him. As children see that modeled, when faith is integrated into the very fabric of family life, they grasp the importance of a relationship with God.

Relationship then becomes the driving force of how to live versus simply following rules out of fear. It makes living a faithful and committed life sustainable. Beyond that, it makes it attractive and desirable for the next generation because they get to watch love for God on display and see it implemented in the very way your family lives. This becomes the very culture of your home and eventually, the map other generations can follow for godly living.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us to love You with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our strength. Let it come from the understanding of Your deep love and commitment to us. Teach us to prioritize relationship with You, over religious rules. Equip and empower us to model love in a way that is tangibly lived out and then shared with those around us. Let our family culture and our very home, revolve around You at the center, rooted in deep love, honor, and reverence of You and Your ways. In Jesus Name, Amen.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

“If someone watched our family for a week, what would they conclude matters most to us?”

GOD'S DESIGN IS LIVED EVERYDAY

"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

God never instructed parents to add one more activity to their schedule in the pursuit of holiness. Instead, He showed them how to use ordinary moments for discipleship. If we take a moment to look at the life of Jesus, we see this perfectly depicted. He used everyday life to train the disciples in faithfulness and teach them how to bring His kingdom to earth. Though He drew crowds through miracles, He showed His disciples how faith is formed through everyday conversations, not only occasional events. He made a walk with God tangible, real, and part of every aspect of life.

It's the everyday moments of faith at home that cement relationships and develop spiritual growth. Your most mundane tasks, the seemingly insignificant parts of your day, and the moments that are easy to breeze past, have the ability to hold the greatest ministry potential. Those car rides in traffic when everyone is getting antsy and irritated, the morning rush getting everyone out the door with both shoes, and nights where you're sitting down for a meal: these are discipleship moments.

Bedsides can become altars during nighttime prayer routines.

Car rides can become character building opportunities and connection points.

Dinner tables can become pulpits where the Word of the Lord is shared through conversations.

Couches can become the place where compassion is best learned as tears fall on ready shoulders.

Every element of your home, your "routine", and your schedule can be used as the space for the Holy Spirit to live, move, and minister through. The opportunity is there for everyday living to become generational legacy.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us to make each moment a consecrated one. Teach us how to embed Your Word, Your decrees, Your ways into the very fabric of our lives. When we wake up, when we are at home, when we are on the road, when we lie down, let us view all of our lives and activities as opportunities to learn and grow in You. May we repeat Your commands and ways of living again and again, so generations would know you. In Jesus Name, Amen.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

"When do we naturally spend the most time together? How can we turn those everyday moments into opportunities to focus our attention on God and learn more about Him?"

GOD'S DESIGN INTENTIONALLY SHAPES FAMILY CULTURE

“Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:8-9 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

The commands on doorposts and hands weren't just symbolic. God understood that repeated reminders shape identity. What is visible, becomes tangible. What's meditated on can retrain thoughts and renew minds. The habits, traditions, conversations, and values your family practices regularly become the culture your children remember.

Consider what visual and physical reminders could serve as valuable guideposts directing how you go about daily living. Imagine everyone in your family having a daily message displayed across their phone that declares who you are, what you believe in, and how you live.

Over time, these messages go from words, to memory, to practice as they learn to keep the words as a central part of all they do. This is how God's Word is meant to transform and influence.

Then as the internal transformation happens, the outward display becomes inevitable. This is true of both the positive and negative. As you focus all your heart, soul, and strength on Christ, remember to keep His Word visible to you and your family daily and discover the tangible ways your family can let it shape how they go through life.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, fix our eyes on Jesus. Help us to keep Your commandments and Your word before us always, teaching us to meditate on it day and night. Let Your Word fill our hearts and our homes, guide the work of our hands and, and the ways we live. In Jesus Name, Amen.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

“How can you tangibly find ways to keep God's word and your family values visible so they serve as reminders of who you are and how you are dedicated to living?”

GOD'S DESIGN IS REMEMBERED AND RETOLD

"In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand..."
Deuteronomy 6:20-21 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Deuteronomy 6 ends with children asking questions and parents telling stories. God's plan for discipleship has always included remembering and retelling His faithfulness. Stories help future generations understand who God is and what He has done. Intentionally recounting His goodness, highlighting the lessons He has taught you, and sharing the hard things He has brought you through strengthens faith.

We also see the danger of the opposite. After Joshua's generation passed away, Scripture tells us, "another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). Note the wording. They didn't just forget history. They lost sight of the God who had faithfully worked throughout it. When God's faithfulness goes untold, future generations can lose the opportunity to personally know the One behind the stories.

Romans 10:17 reminds us that "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing the Word of God." Revelation 12:11 highlights that the power in overcoming the enemy comes from the "blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." When you speak out the truth of WHO God is and WHAT He has done, you are emboldening the next generation to stand on what cannot be shaken in an ever changing world. You are equipping them with weapons to overcome the enemy and His schemes because they KNOW God through history and personalized experience.

Every story that points to God and every testimony of His love carries a seed of faith that one day, will bear fruit if you are faithful in sharing it. Faith isn't just built in believing for what's to come, but also by remembering what has already happened.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, write the stories You want us to share on the tablets of our hearts and bring them to memory often. Teach us to share them frequently, to hold them and keep them as valuable trinkets that remind us of Your goodness, love, faithfulness, and character. Make us a people who recount and remember, so that from generation to generation, Your story is told in our family. In Jesus Name, Amen.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

"What stories do we want future generations of our family to keep telling and what do these stories teach us about God?"



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