

Building Our Family Values: 1 of 6
Building Our Value Of "Faith"
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Sermon Notes

Big Idea: In our marriage we strive to continue to move closer to oneness with our spouse as we reflect our Savior's love and mercy. We welcome our children as additional members of our family, but not the center of it. As parents we choose to raise our kids to become mature adults who love God and others respectfully.

Unless the LORD **builds** the house, its builders **labor in vain**. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen **stand guard in vain**.² In vain you **rise early and stay up late, toiling for food** to eat-- for He grants sleep to those he loves. **Psalm 127:1-2 (NIV)**

As the _____ family, we will build our value of Faith by:

1. Loving God Personally

"Now **fear the LORD** and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and **serve the LORD**.¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**" **Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be **upon your hearts**. **Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIV)**

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**.⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. **Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (NIV)**

- **Our kids see everything, hear everything and repeat everything.**

Notes: _____

2. Taking Small Steps Toward Oneness In Our Marriage

Some Pharisees came to him to **test** him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to **divorce** his wife for any and every reason?"⁴ "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the **beginning** the Creator 'made them **male and female**,'⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will **leave** his father and mother and **be united** to his wife, and the two will become **one flesh**'?"⁶ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."⁷ "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"⁸ Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your **hearts were hard**. But it was not this way from the beginning.

Matthew 19:3-8 (NIV)

- **Giving Honor**

“Give **honor** to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.” **Hebrews 13:4 (NLT2)**

“However, each one of you also **must love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife **must respect** her husband.” **Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

- **Building Trust**

“Didn’t the LORD make you **one** with your wife? In body and spirit you are His. And what does He want? **Godly children** from your union. So **guard your heart**; remain **loyal** to the wife of your youth.” **Malachi 2:15 (NLT2)**

Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife.
Proverbs 5:15 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

- **Celebrating Each Other**

Go, eat your food with **gladness**, and drink your wine with a **joyful heart**, for it is now that God favors what you do. ⁸ Always **be clothed in white**, and always **anoint your head** with oil. ⁹ **Enjoy life** with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun-- all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun. **Ecclesiastes 9:7-9 (NIV)**

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➤ **How can our family improve in following Jesus?**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Begin my relationship with Jesus
- [] Make my spouse a priority by: _____
- [] Involve God in our daily conversations as a family
- [] Listen to FamilyLife Today® Podcast



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Talk It Over

Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker:

Growing up, how have we been legalistic or lukewarm in our faith?

How has that affected our family?

What is one thing that we can do to be more Christ-centered as a family?

Read Psalm 127:1-2

What would our family say is our foundation?

Why is it important to have God's truth as our foundation for our family?

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Read Joshua 24:14-15

What choice does Joshua give to the people?

What choice does Joshua make for his family?

Read Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Where does faith need to begin in our family?

How can we show we truly love God?

Read Deuteronomy 6:7-9

What values do we want our kids to develop?

Read Psalm 78:4.

How can I keep my kids in the conversation of faith?

2. Taking Small Steps Toward Oneness In Our Marriage

Read Matthew 19:3-8

Why did Moses make provisions to get divorced?

What continues to be God's desire for marriage?

What steps can we do to pursue oneness with our spouse?

- **Giving Honor**

Read Hebrews 13:4

How can we give honor to marriage better?

Read Ephesians 5:33

What does love and respect look like in a relationship?

How can we better demonstrate love and respect to each other?

How can loving our spouse help our kids follow God?

- **Building Trust**

Read Malachi 2:15

How does unfaithfulness hurt children's faith in God?

How can we guard our hearts better?

Read Proverbs 5:15

What can we do to give our children a healthy view of romance?

- **Serving Each Other**

Read Ephesians 5:21

In what ways have you served your spouse lately?

- **Celebrating Each Other**

Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-9

What kind of picture does this paint of a marriage?

How can you reflect this passage better?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.