

## Faith Fight Podcast - Prayer for your Family

Now the family is very important to society. In any community where the family is broken or fragmented in any way there are always other issues that arise and root cause can always be traced back to the family. If you have a spouse, child, parent or any other member of your family that you are praying for salvation this episode is for you. If there are any issues in your family where members are holding grudges or hurts against other members then this episode is for you. I pray that your family issues are resolved and the family will dwell together in unity as a result of this episode. Be blessed.

### **Proverbs 22:6 ESV**

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

This verse implies that parents should determine the individual and specific strengths that God has given each child and help to maximize those strengths to their fullest potential.

### **Ephesians 6:4 ESV**

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Parental discipline is to help children grow, not to provoke them to anger or discouragement. It takes a lot of wisdom to raise a child and you will need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you discipline your child without provoking them to anger. Disciplining a child should always be done out of love. Not frustration.

### **1 Peter 3:1-2 ESV**

*Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.*

This verse would apply to those women who are married to a non-Christian. Through your sacrificial love and service in your household and to your husband, that powerful demonstration could assist in bringing your unbelieving husband into a relationship with God. This will happen as they see your behavior. Our prayer at the end of this episode will include salvation for non-Christian spouses

### **Acts 16:31-34 ESV**

*And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.*

As parents but especially as men, our desire should always be for us and everyone in our household to walk in relationship with God. The statistics show that when a Father gives his life to Christ there is a

greater chance that the rest of his family will follow his lead. I'm going to pray that the men in your household will come to know Jesus and that the other under him will follow.

***Ephesians 5:25 ESV***

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

This verse shows the sacrificial love that every man needs to display for his wife. As it was difficult and painful for Jesus to give us his life for the Church, it can also be difficult for a man to sacrificially give up his life for his wife. What this verse means is for husbands to serve their wife and put her needs ahead of his own.

***Ephesians 5:33 ESV***

*However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

The greatest need of a woman is to feel loved by her husband. This can be shown in many ways and its up to the husband to figure out what it is and do it. One of the greatest needs for men is to feel respected by his wife. Because every man is different, this form of respect can be shown in many ways. It is your responsibility to learn how to show love and respect and serve your spouse sacrificially.

***Exodus 20:12 ESV***

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

This is a promise from God that a blessing of long live will follow you if you honor your mother and father. If you are a parent and your children are not living to honor you then we will pray that the Holy Spirit will bring this verse to the mind of your children and convict them of their lack of honor towards you.

***Job 42:10***

After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

If you have ever lost anything in your life, Job is an example that God is able to not only give you back what you lost but to restore your back twice as much as you had before. Your joy will be made complete.

***Joshua 24:15 NIV***

*But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

Regardless of what others decided, Joshua had made a commitment to God and he was willing to set the example of living by that decision. There may be a time in your family where there is a family member that is not fully committed to God. Though you cannot make them do anything you can make a stand with your own commitment to God like Joseph did. Let your example speak louder than your words and serve the Lord.

## BONUS STUDY VERSES

### **Psalm 127:3-5 ESV**

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.*

Children should not be seen as liabilities but as assets. Children are a gift from God. We can learn a lot from their innocence, and curious minds. Also, because of their innocence, they completely trust their parents and we can learn a lot from them with regards to faith and believing God at his word.

### **1 Timothy 3:4-5 ESV**

*He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?*

This verse is speaking to Men and those who want to become leaders in the church. Your work in the church cannot be more important than the work you do in your own household. Spiritual leadership must begin in the home. If a man is not willing to care for spiritual leadership and discipline in his home then he is not fit to lead in the church.

## Weekly Prayer Plan – Prayer for your Family

### How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every Week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

### 1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

*God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.*

**Psalm 95:6** - Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

**Isaiah 6:3** - And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

**Psalm 84:1-2** - How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

### 2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

*When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.*

**Psalm 51:1-2** - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**1 John 1:9** - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Acts 3:19** - Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

**James 4:8** - Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS Matt 6:10** "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven."

*Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God's goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.*

**Job 22:21** - "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.

**Psalm 40:8** - I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

**Romans 12:1-2** - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS Matt 6:11** "Give us today our daily bread."

*We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.*

**Matt 7:7-8** - Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matt 6:8 - Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**James 4:2** - You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. **You do not have because you do not ask God.**

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

*Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.*

**Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:**

**Meditational Verses**

**Monday:** Acts 16:31-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Timothy 3:4-5

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 5:21-33

**Thursday:** Proverbs 22:6

**Friday:** Psalm 127:3-5

**Saturday:** Joshua 24:1-28

**Sunday:** Luke 15:11-32

**Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.**

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING** **1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us— whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

*We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.*

**Psalm 136:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Philippians 4:6-7** - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Psalm 103:1-5** - Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.