

FIGHT FOR THE FAM #2
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“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:5 NLT

“Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart.” Matthew 12:25 NLT

FAMILY IS _____ . (God decide to adopt us into his own family)

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FAMILY IS _____ . (...it [family] gave him great pleasure)

FAMILY IS _____ . (family splintered ...will fall apart)

BIG IDEA:

GOD WANTS YOUR FAMILY TO BE...

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“Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.” Proverbs 14:26 NIV

“Some of you set sail in big ships; you put to sea to do business in faraway ports. Out at sea you saw GOD in action, saw his breathtaking ways with the ocean: With a word he called up the wind— an ocean storm, towering waves! You shot high in the sky, then the bottom dropped out; your hearts were stuck in your throats. You were spun like a top, you reeled like a drunk, you didn’t know which end was up. Then you called out to GOD in your desperate condition; he got you out in the nick of time. He quieted the wind down to a whisper, put a muzzle on all the big waves. And you were so glad when the storm died down, and he led you safely back to harbor. So thank GOD for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves.”

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“Fathers, don’t exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.” Ephesians 6:4 MSG

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“Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.” Deuteronomy 6:6-8 MSG

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My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them." Proverbs 4:4-5 NLT

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"Only the living can praise you as I do today. Each generation tells of your faithfulness to the next." Isaiah 38:19 NLT

"Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD." PROVERBS 1:7 MSG

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"Do you remember Stephanas and his family? They were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere." 1 Corinthians 16:15 TLB

"Choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

NO ONE SHOULD BE WITHOUT FAMILY

"Father to the fatherless, defender of widows - this is God."

"Don't stealthily move back the boundary lines or cheat orphans out of their property, for they have a powerful Advocate who will go to bat for them."

Proverbs 23:10-11 MSG

"Cursed is anyone who denies justice to foreigners, orphans, or widows."

Deuteronomy 27:19 NLT

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT MAKES "FAMILY" (BLOOD OR SPIRITUAL) SO POWERFUL FOR YOU PERSONALLY?

WHAT HELPS A MAN DEFEND HIS FAMILY AGAINST DIVISION?

IF FAMILY EXPRESSES GOD'S CORE DESIRE AND NATURE, THEN HOW SHOULD THAT AFFECT OUR OWN THINKING AND ENERGY RIGHT NOW?

WHICH OF GOD'S DESIRES FOR YOUR FAMILY (OWN OR EXTENDED) CAN YOU WORK ON RIGHT NOW?

HOW CAN WE PROVIDE FAMILY BETTER TO THOSE OUTSIDE OUR FAMILY? HOW CAN WE PRACTICALLY FIGHT FOR THEM TOO?

FILL-INS

**THE BEST PLACE FOR PEOPLE
THE GOAL OF GOD
THE SOURCE OF TRUE SATISFACTION
DEPENDENT ON UNITY**

FAMILY EXPRESSES GOD'S CORE NATURE

**SHELTER FOR THE STORMS
CENTER FOR LEARNING**

- **VALUES**
- **CHARACTER**
- **FAITH**

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