

Family Issues – Leaning In

Series on The Church:

- Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Family of God

Interested in How Society Views the Family:

- what healthy families look like
- views shaped by popular opinion, not what works

Church or Family of God afflicted by These Perspectives

- seen for what we oppose – not what we stand for
- seen as judgmental – not healing and restoring
- seen as a club – not essential to life, vital

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God's Intention:

- Known for our Love!
- Dedication to Reflect God in Authentic Living
- Our Convictions Would Take Action In Lives
- Bear the Family Name Well
- Known for Restoration, Healing, Purity, Resolve

Today – Family Issue – Leaning In!

- Learning About depending on one another

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Last Week:

1. Look At Them:

- envy, comparison, seeing from our perspective

2. Look At Me:

- don't belong, not significant, no place for my gift

3. Look At God:

- created by Him, Intended for a purpose

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“As it is there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, I don’t need you! And the head cannot say to the feet, I don’t need you! On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:20-27

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1. Just Get Lost!

- hard to always appreciate one another!
- Last Week:
 - Diversity is intended by God
 - Unity in Diversity is the Goal
- conflict between what I see as important, what you see
- a) Temptation – Don't Need You!
 - desire that others just leave, get lost, shut up etc.

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b) Truth – cannot say, ‘I Don’t Need You’

- called to review our perspective on:

- what is weaker

- honoring the faithful

- being unashamed of all parts

- * need to see the temptation, apply the truth & change our tune!

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2. Learning to Lean In

- essential truths we must embrace to have family health

a) God Composed the Body

- acceptance that this is intended and can function

b) God Assigns Value and Function

- embrace God's value system, abandon the worlds

c) Cannot Divide The Body & Be Healthy!

- will be preferences, non, sinful distinctions, growth & maturity issues

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- cannot accept dividing along lines of preference & gifting!
- equal concern for each member of the body essential

3. Evidence Of Healthy Family Dynamics

a) Suffering Together

- handling hard times together
- knowing of & responding to hurts in the family
- no avoidance – engagement in each others lives

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b) Rejoicing Together

- able to celebrate what God is doing as a group
- happy for others achievements, blessings, victories
- sharing win's with encouragement, without envy

c) Happily Dependant on One Another

- seeing the family as critical to health
- embracing your role in the family
- participating in family life

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So What

1. Are You Succumbing to Temptation or Operating In Truth?

- does your heart scream get lost, or see them in God's light?

2. Is My Value System Aligned Properly?

- accepting God planned this, embracing His value system, committed to not being divisive!

3. Am I Reflecting Family Health:

- suffering and rejoicing with my family!