



WARM-UP QUESTION: If you could portray someone in a movie, who would you choose? Why do you think your image would reflect that character well?

READ: Genesis 1:26–28, 2:8–15, 3:17

FOCUS: Parents bear God the Father's image by empowering their children, by providing a place for them, and by pointing them to God's purpose for their lives.

OBSERVE:

Parents provide for their children physically and emotionally.

- The Bible describes family and gives instructions for what parents can do and how we can live in family relationships. Adam and Eve bear the image of God and were empowered to parent their children for the overall benefit of mankind and glory of God.
- **Power:** God empowers parents to fight the battle for control, to realize that their children are more than an extension of themselves and to build stronger relationships.
- **Place:** Parents can provide a place for their children even in difficult situations.
- **Purpose:** Parents are not condemned even when they struggle with their purpose.
- Ultimately, the power, place, and purpose equate to covenant before God. We must be excellent with what is in front of us.
- A covenant between parents and children, the challenge to create a godly home, and raise a godly family require courage—to be good parents and intentionally lead our children to grow in Christ. We are raising and guiding the next generation.

REFLECT:

- Who do you look like the most? Who sees how you reflect Christ and bear His image?

TAKE ACTION:

- Contemplate on how your life may be distorting the image of God. Ask Him to help you repent and change. This week, take steps to obey Him alongside spiritual family.
- Study the Bible to learn more about the Father and focus on His words and ways.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, give us the wisdom we need to raise current and future children who will follow Your plans for their lives. Enable us to be the role models the next generation needs. Help us reflect You and extend Your love and kindness to our families with strength and courage. Help us bear Your image. We give You praise in Jesus' name, amen.