



## PART 5: FAMILY

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** Think about the classic song “We are Family.” What is so appealing about the idea of family?

**READ:** *Psalm 127 (ESV)*

**FOCUS:** One key fundamental is family; we will see how we are to build in light of this value.

### OBSERVE:

- **We value family because God values family and because family is essential to the Church and the advancement of the Gospel. (Genesis 1:26)**
- **Psalm 127:1-2: We build family by prioritizing family.**
  - When we prioritize family, we prioritize God’s plan.
  - When we prioritize family, it makes decisions simpler.
  - This protects us from sacrificing family at the altar of success.
- **Psalm 127:3-4: We build family by having a vision for family.**
  - We should ask God for a specific vision for the family and write it down. (Habakkuk 2:2)
  - This vision enables us to know what bullseye to aim at.
- **Ecclesiastes 7:8: We build family by celebrating progress.**
  - For every transition, we should celebrate progress.
- **Joshua 24:14-15: We build family by serving together as a family.**
- **We can have a greater hope for our family because of the person of Jesus.**
  - He experienced all the pains of family yet cares about family. He has the power to heal any brokenness in family and bring something good out of all the pain.

- No matter the pain of our natural families, we are invited into the family of God, where He is our Father and we are His children.

### REFLECT:

- Do you have positive connotations or negative connotations when you think about family?
- What makes prioritizing family challenging?
- What are some practical ways you can prioritize family?
- Have you seen in your own life or in others the power of celebrating progress in family?

### TAKE ACTION:

- Have you asked God for a specific vision for your present or future family? If not, take the next week to do so and write it down.
- If you have a family, what are some practical ways in which you and your family can serve together?
- If you do not have a family yet, what are some practical ways in which you can develop habits that will enable you to prioritize family in the future?
- Share specific prayer requests concerning your family with someone else and pray with them.

### PRAY:

*Father, thank You for family. Thank You for placing us into Your family through Jesus. Help us to value family just as You value family. Forgive us for often prioritizing other things above family and help our family relationships to be centered on Christ. Give us a hope and a vision for our family no matter any pain or dysfunction in our family. Let our family relationships result in Your glory and our joy. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

