

Understanding Your Family Sin

Take a good amount of time to be honest about how your family shaped you. Use another sheet of paper and explore how any of these areas might influence the sins or destructive patterns in your life.

1. What was your family's attitude toward money?
2. How did your family resolve conflict?
3. How did your family handle anger?
4. How did your family express love?
5. What dysfunctions do you see in your family? (i.e. substance abuse, divorce, mental illness, etc.)
6. What was considered success in your family?
7. How would your family describe you?
8. How did your family express faith and relate to God?

What results can you see in your life today?

What are the sins you need to deal with?

What would it mean to make God your Father?

If you have children:

What are the family traits you want to pass on to your children?

What are the family traits you want to make sure you don't pass on?



All in the Family

The thread of blessing:

1. God wants to bless us.
2. His blessing is for us and through us.
3. God has to prepare us to receive His blessing.
4. The preparation is always painful, but necessary.
5. The blessing is always worth the pain.

Sermon Notes:

There is no other relationship on earth that impacts you as much as _____.

- It's helpful to understand how our family has _____ us.

Scripture: Genesis 29:14-32

Summary:

Jacob wants to marry Laban's daughter, _____.

- He works for _____ years.

Laban gives him _____.

- Jacob, "the _____," got a taste of his own medicine.

What Laban said to Jacob, “I don’t know how you do things where you’re from, but here we do things in the right _____.”

Genesis is careful to show a family _____.

1. _____.
2. Playing _____.
3. Not dealing with _____.

Our family environment will often make _____ seem normal.

Escaping the gravity of family sin:

1. Put your _____ in their rightful place.
 - Be honest about your past.
2. Make God your _____.
 - Trust that He is _____.
 - _____ to His Word.
 - Know you are loved _____.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are the family sins passed down from Abraham through Joseph?
2. Why do you think Genesis takes such great care to point them out?
3. Can you think of other generational sins in Scripture?
4. What are the ways sinful patterns are transferred from generation to generation?
5. What are some family traits you can see passed down through your family? (Positive? Sinful?)
6. If you have children what are some of the traits you’re passing along to your children?
7. Read Luke 14:25-33. What does Jesus mean when he says His disciples must hate their father and mother, etc.?
8. In what ways can we turn family into idols?
9. Why do you think it’s so hard to rise above destructive or sinful family patterns?
10. What does it mean to make God your father?
11. Why is it so important to know you’re loved unconditionally by your Heavenly Father?