♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, September 23, 2018

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The Bible is largely a story about families – real families. The amazing part of those stories is that God uses imperfect, struggling families to accomplish His eternal purposes. He can do the same with you and your family. Over the next several weeks, we'll explore what the Bible says about the big problems we face in families and find hope in God's redeeming, restoring, amazing grace.

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"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:14-15, ESV).

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"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked" (Psalm 84:10, ESV).

"Jeroboam drove Israel from following the Lord and made them commit great sin. The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day" (2 Kings 17:21-23, NIV).

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