



# GOD'S WISDOM FOR YOUR FAMILY

A SERMON SERIES FOR SPOUSES,  
PARENTS, AND CHILDREN

**You pick your friends but you can't pick your family. As a result, family relationships can be the most challenging. They can also be the most rewarding. In this series we will get God's perspective on navigating through some of the complexities of family life today. No matter what your family looks like for real, God can get it on a path towards ideal.**

Week 1— August 25-27

## **PICTURE PERFECT**

There's a lot of pressure on families these days. Live in a beautiful house, drive nice cars, hold impressive jobs, raise kids who are smart, beautiful, and involved in every activity possible. Oh, and make sure your social media accounts depict your "picture perfect" family that everyone admires and wants to emulate. And yet, aren't our families often far more imperfect than we'd like to admit? Should we feel that pressure? Should we chase after the world's idea of a picture perfect family? Or is there something better? As we kick off our sermon series, "God's Wisdom for Your Family," we'll explore how God's instructions for a "picture perfect family" are different from the world's picture, and how God's picture is so much better.

Week 2— September 1-2, 4

## **FAMILY FEUD**

Because each family is comprised of sinful people, every family is going to face conflict. Conflict between husband and wife; conflict between parents and children; conflict between siblings. What sinful attitudes and actions cause such family conflict? In our worship this weekend, God will tell us what causes such conflict, how we can avoid it, and how we should react when such familial conflict inevitably arises.



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Week 3— September 8-10

## **MOUNT OLIVE, CONNECTED: A FAMILY GROWING IN CHRIST**

Did you know that you have a family other than the people that are related to you by your blood and DNA? At Mount Olive, we often describe ourselves as a Family Growing in Christ. As fellow believers united by our faith in Christ, we are rightly called a family of brothers and sisters. So what does that familial relationship look like? At Mount Olive, do we treat each other like family? Or more like distant strangers?

Are we a “friendly church” or a “church of friends”? Today, we’re kicking off a month long initiative of encouragement, practice, and growth to become even more Connected to the brothers and sisters we have in our Family Growing in Christ!

Week 4— September 15-17

## **OFF CENTER**

Being a parent is difficult these days. There are a million different things that draw kids attention, and an expectation that they’ll be involved in every possible activity. That leads us to step back and ask, “What is at the heart and center of our kids’ lives?” Is it sports? Music? Drama? Are our homes so child-centered that we’re raising self-centered children? Or is our Savior Jesus at the heart and center of life, so that our children are, and will grow up to be, God-centered people?

Week 5— September 22-24

## **DAILY GRIND**

Last weekend, we heard about the importance of keeping our homes centered and focused on God’s Word! What are some regular habits you have in your family? Taking the kids to school? Eating dinner together? Friday family game nights? But with so much busyness in our families, how can we make gathering around God’s Word a regular habit for our families? How can we as individuals make God part of our daily routine, so that God becomes part of our family’s routines also? God wants to be the most important part of our family’s routine, not just something we think about on the weekend. God wants to dwell in our hearts and our homes, not just at church on Sunday morning.