

Sermon Outline May 18, 2025

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What's the ride been like in your family lately? Where is Jesus telling his story in your home?

-We've considered ______ for the family.

-We've looked at the season of the _____.

-Last week we entered the world of _____,

and when families are growing up.

-Today, we conclude this series with a look at

Listen to how God thinks about grandparents...

Titus 2:1-5

You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Deuteronomy 4:9

"Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." It is very clear from God's view that both parents and grandparents are under assignment. It is the same assignment...________ to know and love the God who made them...and the God who Loves them...the God who will be their judge one day...and the one who is inviting them to an eternal home. Nothing else is more important than that.

4 Principles to observe and implement from these scriptures...

#1. The most loving thing you can teach and model to your children and grandchildren...is the fundamental truth...--God is ______. We _____. We serve Him...He shepherds us. We live in the space He has made...we are guests here... not owners.

#2. God has made it clear to me that _____

_____. That honing, that purifying that we read about...God has brought grandchildren into my life as a divine shaping tool.

#3. The scriptures reveal that they also need me and I need to be a ______. Make use of your influence for the deepest purposes. Leave the trivial behind quickly and get to the deep stuff.

#4. ______ and vacancy for your family. Don't avoid them...enter them. I'm certain of this...life will produce many lanes where pain and fear threaten to derail your children and your grandchildren. You step in to be the stable point. You be the advocate. You be the one that helps make sense when confusion clouds the day.

What if we could mobilize the more than 30 million Christian grandparents (in the US alone!) to take their role as spiritual leaders in their families more seriously? God clearly has something for you to do. **Go all in!**