

# The Ties That Bind

## Week 2

### Family Matters

**Ephesians 6:1-4** – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’—which is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

#### 1. The Foundation of a Strong Family: Honor and Love

**Ephesians 6:1-2** – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother...’”

##### A. Honor Builds a \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Honor is a \_\_\_\_\_ (command), not just a \_\_\_\_\_ (value).

Honor in the family creates \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:** Parents and children must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.

##### B. Love is the Glue That \_\_\_\_\_ Families Together

**Colossians 3:14** – “Above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

Love is not just a \_\_\_\_\_—it’s an \_\_\_\_\_ (patience, forgiveness, kindness).

**Illustration:** A house built on \_\_\_\_\_ vs. a house built on a strong \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:24-27).

**Key Question:** Am I showing honor and love in my family relationships?

#### 2. Overcoming Family Conflict: The Role of Forgiveness

**Colossians 3:13** – “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

##### A. Why Family \_\_\_\_\_ is Inevitable

Every family has \_\_\_\_\_, misunderstandings, and past \_\_\_\_\_.

The enemy (Satan) wants to \_\_\_\_\_ families because unity reflects God’s love.

##### B. The Power of \_\_\_\_\_ in Healing Families

Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a feeling.

Example of Joseph (Genesis 50:20) – Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ his brothers, even though they \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**Application:** Instead of holding grudges, choose grace and reconciliation.

**Key Question:** *Is there someone in my family I need to forgive?*

### III. Strengthening Families Through \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership

**Ephesians 6:4** – *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”*

#### A. Parents Must Lead with \_\_\_\_\_, Not \_\_\_\_\_

Godly parenting is about \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 22:6** – *“Train up a child in the way he should go...”*

**Illustration:** A shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ his sheep; he does not \_\_\_\_\_ them into submission.

#### B. Children Must \_\_\_\_\_ in Faith and Obedience

Obedience to parents \_\_\_\_\_ obedience to God.

**Exodus 20:12** – *“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land...”*

**Application:** A Christ-centered home is built on mutual respect and spiritual growth.

**Key Question:** *How am I leading or following in my family with a Christ-like heart?*

### Challenge

**Reflect** – What is one way I can improve my family relationships this week?

**Act** – Choose to forgive, love, and lead in a Christ-like way.

**Pray** – *Lord, help me love my family as You have loved me. Teach me to forgive, lead, and honor You in my relationships.*