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DEVOTIONALS —— WEEK 6



WEEK SIX

A HOME WHERE GOD DWELLS

DAY 1: The Most Important Thing About Our Home

November 9, 2026

Colossians 1:18 NLT
Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

There are things that occupy a very important place in our lives—our family, our work, our commitments, and the dreams we wish to achieve. Many of these things are good and are part of the responsibilities that God has entrusted to us.

However, it is possible to become so busy attending to everything we deem important that we end up neglecting what should truly come first.

Throughout this series, we have discussed what it means to build a home. We have learned that simply sharing a roof is not enough; we need to cultivate relationships characterized by love, respect, forgiveness, and closeness.

But there is one thing we must not forget:

NONE OF THOSE THINGS CAN REPLACE OUR NEED FOR JESUS CHRIST.

In Colossians 1, Paul presents the greatness and supremacy of Christ. He is not merely an important figure within our faith; He is the Lord, worthy of holding the first place in everything. And this leads us to a personal question: ***What place does Jesus truly occupy in our lives?***

We might claim to love God, attend church, and know many biblical passages, yet still make our decisions as if He had no say in them.

Acknowledging Christ as Lord means allowing His teachings to guide our priorities, our decisions, and the way we live.

Consider an everyday situation. When a disagreement arises at home, we can either insist on being right or remember that Jesus calls us to treat one another with love and humility. When we face an important decision, we can either seek only what serves our own interests or also ask ourselves what honors God.

In such moments, it is revealed who—or what—occupies the center of our hearts.

CHRIST DOES NOT OCCUPY THE FIRST PLACE IN OUR LIVES SIMPLY BECAUSE WE SAY SO, BUT RATHER WHEN WE LEARN TO LIVE UNDER HIS LORDSHIP.

And this decision begins on a personal level. We cannot force our family to follow Jesus, but we can show them, through our own example, what it means to walk with Him.

Perhaps today we need to reorder some of our priorities. It may be that we have spent so much time ensuring that our home lacks no material thing that we have neglected our own relationship with God.

The good news is that we can begin today. We do not need to wait for everything to be in perfect order to surrender our lives to the Lord once again.

For a home where God dwells begins with individuals who recognize how much they need Him.

REMEMBER

THE PLACE THAT CHRIST HOLDS IN OUR HEARTS ENDS UP BEING REFLECTED IN THE DECISIONS WE MAKE WITHIN OUR HOMES.

THINK

Is there any area of my family life in which I am making decisions without considering what Jesus teaches me?

APPLY

Identify a decision, priority, or attitude that you need to surrender to the lordship of Christ. Pray specifically about it and take a step of obedience today.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that You are worthy of holding the first place in my life. Forgive me for the times I have allowed my own desires or concerns to become more important than Your will. Help me to honor You through my decisions and to show my family, by my example, what it means to follow You. Amen.

DÍA 2: When God Has Something to Say

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Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

We all have a unique way of viewing life. Our experiences, our upbringing, and the circumstances we have faced all influence the decisions we make. And while experience can teach us a great deal, we must also recognize that we do not always know what is best.

This becomes especially important when it comes to our family. Certain decisions can alter the course of our household—whether they concern finances, our children's education, marriage, our careers, or the future.

And amidst so many possibilities, we need something more than just our own opinions.

WE NEED GOD'S WISDOM.

Proverbs 3 invites us to trust in the Lord with all our heart and to acknowledge Him in all our ways. This does not mean giving up thinking, planning, or seeking counsel. It means recognizing that our understanding is limited and that God's wisdom should guide the way we live.

Sometimes, we turn to God only when our plans do not work out. We decide first, then we act, and when difficulties arise, we begin to ask Him to intervene.

But ***what would happen if we learned to seek His guidance from the very beginning?*** Perhaps we would avoid some hasty decisions. We might respond differently to certain conflicts. Or, we might find the humility needed to recognize that we need to change direction.

James 1:5 reminds us that we can ask God for wisdom—He gives it generously. What a privilege it is to know that we do not have to face our family responsibilities relying solely on our own abilities!

Yet, there is another truth we must accept: seeking God's guidance implies being willing to obey it. It would make no sense to ask the Lord for wisdom if we then insist on doing only what we ourselves want to do.

GOD'S GUIDANCE WILL NOT ALWAYS CONFIRM OUR DESIRES, BUT IT WILL ALWAYS BE WORTHY OF OUR TRUST.

Perhaps today you are facing a difficult decision. Maybe you are unsure how to respond to a family situation, or you are concerned about your children's future.

Remember that God has not called you to have all the answers. He calls you to trust Him, to seek His will, and to walk in obedience.

And when a family learns to acknowledge the Lord in all their ways, they develop something profoundly valuable: a dependence on God that does not vanish when circumstances change.

This does not mean that we will never make mistakes, but it does mean that we will have a foundation to return to.

REMEMBER

A FAMILY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST DOES NOT SEEK MERELY TO MAKE CONVENIENT DECISIONS, BUT RATHER DECISIONS THAT HONOR GOD.

THINK

When I face an important decision, ***do I first seek God's guidance, or do I simply ask Him to bless what I have already decided?***

APPLY

Before making a family decision this week, take a few minutes to pray, examine relevant biblical principles, and listen with humility to those who will be affected.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that my wisdom is limited and that I need Your guidance. Help me not to act impulsively or allow myself to be swayed by my own preferences. Teach me to trust in Your Word and to make decisions that honor Your name and bless my family. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 3: A Family That Learns to Pray

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Philippians 4:6-7 NLT
6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

There are times when worries seem to multiply—an unexpected piece of news, a financial difficulty, a problem with our children, or a situation we don't know how to resolve.

And when that happens, we often try to find a solution by relying solely on our own strength.

We think, analyze, look for alternatives, and do everything within our power. Yet, amidst all these efforts, we may overlook something fundamental:

WE HAVE A HEAVENLY FATHER WHO INVITES US TO DRAW NEAR TO HIM.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, encouraging them to bring their needs before God through prayer, accompanied by gratitude. And in the following verse, he reminds them that the peace of God can guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Let us note something important: Paul does not promise that all our difficulties will disappear immediately after we pray. What he teaches us is that we can turn to God even in the midst of them.

And that is a truth our families need to know.

Prayer should not become a resource we turn to only when we no longer know what else to do.

PRAYER IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, NOT MERELY A RESPONSE TO OUR EMERGENCIES.

How beautiful it is when our children grow up hearing their parents pray—when a family can gather to give thanks for blessings received, seek wisdom regarding a decision, or bring a concern before the Lord.

We do not need complicated words or long, drawn-out gatherings to begin. A sincere prayer before leaving the house, a few moments of gratitude at the end of the day, or a conversation with our children about what they would like to pray for—all of these can become valuable opportunities to cultivate our communion with God.

Yet, there is something we must not forget: family prayer does not replace our responsibility to act with love, listen, ask for forgiveness, or seek practical solutions. We cannot treat our family poorly and then assume that a few minutes of prayer will make it unnecessary to acknowledge the harm we have caused.

COMMUNION WITH GOD SHOULD DRAW US CLOSER TO HIS HEART AND TEACH US TO LIVE WITH GREATER LOVE TOWARD OTHERS.

Perhaps your household has never had the custom of praying together. Maybe you tried at some point, but over time, you stopped. You can begin today, without feeling the need to make up for all the lost time all at once.

And if other family members do not yet wish to participate, you can continue to cultivate your own relationship with God without imposing a religious practice upon them. Remember that prayer is not a formula to guarantee that everything will turn out exactly as we desire.

It is the privilege of drawing near to the Father who loves us and trusting in Him, even when we do not yet have all the answers.

REMEMBER

WE DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR A CRISIS TO ARISE IN ORDER TO LEARN TO SEEK GOD AS A FAMILY.

THINK
What place does prayer hold in my daily life? Can my family recognize that I depend on God?

APPLY
Find an appropriate time to invite your family to join in a brief, sincere prayer. Give thanks for something specific, and together bring a need before the Lord.

PRAY
Beloved Father, thank You that we can approach You at any time. Forgive me for the times I have relied more on my own strength than on Your care. Teach me to cultivate a life of prayer and to show my family that we can always turn to You. Fill our hearts with Your peace and help us to trust in Your faithfulness. Amen.

DAY 4: A Word That Accompanies Our Life

November 12, 2026

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV
6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Many of the lessons we remember from our childhood did not come through formal conversation. We learned them by observing how our parents reacted, listening to their advice, or watching how they faced difficulties.

Some of those experiences left us with beautiful memories. Others taught us things that, over time, we have had to correct. The fact is:

DAILY LIFE HAS AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE ON WHAT WE LEARN AND PASS ON TO OUR FAMILY.

In Deuteronomy 6, Moses instructed the people of Israel regarding the importance of loving God and keeping His commandments. But there is a detail that deserves our attention. Before speaking about teaching the Word to their children, Moses told them that those words had to first be in their own hearts.

In other words, it was not merely a matter of passing on religious information. **The Word of God had to be an integral part of the lives of those who held the responsibility of teaching it.**

And that principle remains profoundly important for us today.

Our children need to know the Scriptures, but they also need to see how we strive to live in accordance with them. For we may teach them that they should tell the truth, but if they hear us lying, they will receive a contradictory message. We may speak to them about forgiveness, but if we never acknowledge our own mistakes, they will find it difficult to understand how it is practiced.

THE MOST POWERFUL TEACHING FROM THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR HOME IS THE ONE THAT WE ALSO STRIVE TO LIVE OUT.

This does not mean that we must be perfect in order to teach others about the Lord. It means that we must remain willing to learn, to correct our mistakes, and to grow spiritually.

Deuteronomy 6 goes on to describe how teaching was meant to be woven into the ordinary moments of life—at home, while walking along the way, when lying down, and when rising up. What a beautiful picture!

The Word of God was never intended to be kept separate from daily activities; it was meant to accompany the lives of His people.

We, too, can take advantage of similar opportunities. A conversation after school, a concern shared over dinner, or a decision that needs to be made—all of these can become moments to reflect on a biblical teaching.

We do not need to turn every family conversation into a sermon. Rather, we need to learn how to connect God's truth to the situations we face.

Psalm 119:105 describes the Word as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. And that is precisely what we need: guidance for the steps we take each day.

Perhaps today you realize that you have neglected your Bible reading. You may have a Bible at home, but it has been a while since you set aside a few minutes to listen to what God teaches us through it. You can begin again—not to fulfill a religious obligation, but because you need to know the Lord better and learn to walk according to His will.

REMEMBER

WE CANNOT EFFECTIVELY CONVEY A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORD OF GOD IF WE NEGLECT IT OURSELVES.

THINK
What biblical teachings is my family receiving through my daily example?

APPLY
Read a short passage from the Bible and share with someone in your family a lesson that you can apply personally. Do not focus on correcting others, but rather on showing what God is working on within you.

PRAY
Lord, thank You for Your Word, which teaches, corrects, and guides us. Help me not to be content with merely knowing its teachings, but to put them into practice. May my family see in my life a sincere desire to obey You, and may the new generations learn to love Your truth. Amen.

DAY 5: When God Begins to Change Our Heart

November 13, 2026

Galatians 5:25 NLT
Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Sometimes it is easier to identify the faults of those we live with than it is to recognize our own attitudes.

We may notice when our children are impatient, when our spouse responds inappropriately, or when someone in the family is not acting as they should. But what happens when it is we who need to change?

That question can be uncomfortable, especially when we are convinced that we are in the right. Yet, one sign of spiritual maturity is a willingness to let God confront our own hearts.

In Galatians 5, the apostle Paul contrasts the desires of our sinful nature with a life led by the Holy Spirit.

He then describes the fruit that the Spirit produces: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. Let us reflect on these qualities for a moment. How desperately our families need them!

Patience to listen when we are tired.
Self-control to hold back a response that could cause hurt.
Humility to admit a mistake.
Love to keep seeking the well-being of our family, even when we face disagreements.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS NOT JUST SOMETHING WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT; IT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO ALLOW TO GROW IN THE WAY WE LIVE.

And this begins when we recognize our need for God. We may resolve to change certain attitudes and strive to react in a different way—such decisions are important. But a profound transformation of our character requires that we remain in communion with Christ and walk under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At times, this work begins with a confrontation we would rather avoid. Perhaps the Lord leads us to realize that we have been too harsh with our children. Maybe His Word shows us that we have allowed pride to keep us from asking for forgiveness. Or perhaps we discover that we have long been justifying an attitude that is damaging our family relationships.

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT ONLY WANT TO SHOW US WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE AROUND US; HE WANTS TO TRANSFORM WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE WITHIN US.

And when we respond with humility, His work can begin to be reflected in our relationships.

Perhaps our family won't see a complete transformation overnight. But they may begin to notice small, genuine changes: a kinder response, a greater willingness to listen, a sincere apology, or a less impulsive attitude.

We must not confuse the work of the Spirit with an outward appearance of perfection. Walking under His guidance also means acknowledging our weaknesses, repenting, and persevering in obedience.

Perhaps you have been praying for a long time for God to transform your family. Today, you might begin with a different prayer: "Lord, show me what You need to transform in me first." Because:

ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONIES TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THAT OUR FAMILY IS ABLE TO RECOGNIZE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR HEARTS.

REMEMBER

SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS DEMONSTRATED NOT ONLY BY WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD, BUT ALSO BY OUR WILLINGNESS TO LET OURSELVES BE TRANSFORMED BY HIM.

THINK
What attitude of mine needs to be confronted by the Word of God? Am I willing to acknowledge it without justifying myself?

APPLY
Identify a reaction that you need to change. If you have hurt someone, look for an appropriate opportunity to acknowledge it and apologize, without making any excuses.

PRAY
Holy Spirit, I need Your guidance and Your help. Show me the attitudes that do not please the Lord, and grant me the humility to recognize them. Produce Your fruit in me and transform the way I speak, listen, and love. May my family be able to recognize Your work in my life—not just by my words, but by the changes You are bringing about in my heart. Amen.

DAY 6: What They Will Remember About Our Home

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Joshua 24:15 NLT
But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. ... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Someday, many of the things that occupy our attention today will no longer hold the same importance. Furniture will be replaced. Rooms will change. Children will grow up and perhaps start families of their own.

And that house, which for so many years was filled with conversations, laughter, and activities, will begin to hold memories of a chapter that has already passed. In the end, what remains will not just be what we possessed, but much of what we experienced and what we passed on to others.

Over these past few weeks, we have reflected on the home we are building. We have talked about the power of our words, the wounds that may remain hidden in silence, the distractions that pull us apart, and the importance of restoring closeness with those we love.

And as we reach the end of this series, I want us to consider something of profound importance.

WHAT WILL OUR FAMILY REMEMBER ABOUT THE WAY WE LIVED OUT OUR FAITH?

In Joshua 24, the people of Israel were called upon to decide whom they would serve. Joshua publicly expressed his own determination to serve the Lord, along with his household. Those words were not a claim that he could control the spiritual decisions of every member of his family; rather, they were an affirmation of his commitment to honor God.

We, too, must personally take on that responsibility. We cannot make decisions for our children once they reach adulthood. Nor can we force our spouse or any other family member to cultivate a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

However, we can decide what kind of example we wish to set for them. We can choose to live with integrity, seek the Lord, acknowledge our mistakes, and treat our family in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. We can show them that our faith is not merely something we practice during church gatherings.

MAY OUR FAMILY NOT ONLY HEAR US SPEAK ABOUT GOD, BUT ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE IN US WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK WITH HIM.

Perhaps we will not be able to give them everything we wish.

There may be opportunities we cannot offer them and experiences we cannot share with them.

But there is something deeply valuable that we can strive to leave them: the testimony of a life that learned to depend on God.

It is not about cultivating a religious image or hiding our weaknesses. In fact, one of the most significant memories we can leave them is that they saw us acknowledge our mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and turn our hearts back to the Lord.

Because an authentic faith does not mean that we never face difficulties. It means that, even in the midst of our weaknesses, we continue to recognize our need for Jesus.

And perhaps that is one of the most important lessons our children could ever receive.

That they learn that loving God is worth it.
That they discover His Word is trustworthy.
That they know they can turn to Him when life becomes difficult.
And that they remember that, although our family was not perfect, we sought to live under His guidance.

WE CANNOT DECIDE ALL THE MEMORIES OUR FAMILY WILL KEEP, BUT WE CAN DECIDE WHAT KIND OF LEGACY WE WILL BEGIN TO BUILD STARTING TODAY.

Perhaps, as you read these words, you recognize that there are things you wish you had handled differently.

You cannot go back and change everything that happened. But you can still begin to build something different.

A sincere conversation. A shared prayer. A long-overdue apology. A decision to seek the Lord once again.

For as long as God grants us life, we still have opportunities to love, to serve, and to show our family the way to Jesus Christ.

REMEMBER

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE LEGACIES WE CAN LEAVE OUR FAMILY IS THE TESTIMONY OF A LIFE THAT LOVES JESUS CHRIST AND SEEKS TO WALK WITH HIM.

THINK

If my family were to reflect today on how I have lived out my faith, ***what kind of witness would they find? What would I like to begin changing?***

APPLY

Find a quiet moment to share with your family something you have learned during this series. Share a personal decision you intend to put into practice and, if appropriate, invite those who wish to join you to pray together.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for my family and for everything You have taught us over these past few weeks. I acknowledge that our home is not perfect and that we still have much to learn. Help me to live out a sincere faith, to love with patience, and to show—through my own example—what it means to follow Jesus Christ. May the generations that come after us find in our lives a testimony that encourages them to know and love You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.