

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Zooming Straight Ahead

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this final lesson we will focus on zooming straight ahead. God has big plans for us but we have to stay on board with Him. He plans to pilot us wherever He wants us to go. Will you submit to Him? Will you allow Him to guide you? What do we need to zoom ahead? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Every Family Needs God

- God made a promise to save you (**Genesis 3:15**).
- God created you for a purpose (**Jeremiah 29:11**).
- God will never give up on you (**Luke 15:11-32**).
- God has great plans for you (**Romans 8:28-39**).
- God is waiting to welcome you home (**Revelation 20-22**).

II. Every Family Needs Faith in God

- Faith in God is the first step (**Genesis 15:6**).
- Faith is powerful, even if it is a small amount (**Luke 17:6**).
- Faith is needed for salvation (**Romans 3:28**).
- Faith comes from hearing the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**).
- Faith is hoping in what is not seen (**Hebrews 11:1**).

III. Every Family Needs the Hope of God

- Hope gives us confidence (**Psalms 25:3**).
- Hope is found in God's Word (**Psalms 119**).
- Hope comes from the Holy Spirit (**Romans 15:13**).
- Hope is found in the resurrection (**I Corinthians 6:14**).
- Hope is fulfilled in eternal life (**Titus 1:1-2**).

IV. Every Family Needs the Love of God

- Love strengthens our marriage (**Song of Songs 8:6-7**).
- Love erases enemy lines (**Matthew 5:43-44**).
- Love is the most important virtue (**Mark 12:29-30**).
- Love is natural for a child of God (**John 13:34-35**).
- Love never quits (**I Corinthians 13:4-8**).

Conclusion: God wants us to think of Him as our Heavenly Father. He wants us to come to know Him, live in the Lord, marry in the Lord, raise our children in the Lord, do all our work to the glory of the Lord, and every word or deed should be done in the name of the Lord! To God it's not just about zooming ahead, it's about zooming upward! It's about changing our perspective of the journey of life and protecting our cargo on the ship of life. How is your relationship with your Heavenly Father? God wants to save you! Where are you headed? The family of God wants to pray for you!