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Family is powerful! Past Present and Future.

Past: Few relationships have shaped our lives more profoundly.

Present: Few people demand more of us daily.

Future: Few metaphors better describe what the church is suppose to be forever.

April 7th	Bible Study - Proverbs
April 14th	[Past] - Generational Brokenness
April 21st	[Past] - Generational Blessing
April 28th	[Present] - Tool #1 to unleash power of God in family relationships
May 5th	[Present] Tool #2 to unleash power of God in family relationships
May 12th	[Future] Forever Family

What does it mean to be Blessed?

#Blessed according to popular culture

#Blessed according to the Bible

Biblical Theology of Blessing:
WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

GENESIS 12:1-2

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

Blessings are to be a river, not a reservoir.

Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another.

- Dallas Willard

Galatians 3:13-14

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing He promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven.

Jesus was wounded that we might be healed.

Jesus was made sin that we might be made righteous with His righteousness.

Jesus died our death that we may share His life.

He became poor that we might inherit His riches.

He endured our rejection that we might have His acceptance as children of God.

He bore our shame that we may share His glory.

NUMBERS 6:22-26

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.’”

Luke 24:50-53 -Jesus Blesses

When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

As you honor your past, I invite you into a spirit of
Gratitude!

1. Thankful my parents made a commitment to a lifelong relationship with God.

JOSHUA 24:14

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

2. Thankful my parents committed to live the Jesus way in front of me and my siblings.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and your gates.

3. Thankful my parents prayed for me.

Action Step: Three Blessings Exercise

Action Step: Turn your brokenness into blessing!

**The brokenness I was given was _____ but by
the power of Jesus, I want to bring _____.**