

# ~~Dys~~Functional Family

## Family Heritage and Legacy

### Sunday, June 11, 2023

This week, Pastor Chuck covered:

- Family dysfunction can cause significant pain, it is a prevalent and real issue that will not be solved by itself.
- If kept hidden, family dysfunction and sin patterns negatively impact multiple generations.
- God provides hope for breaking the cycle of dysfunction. Scripture gives us clear examples and directions for recognizing, exposing, and breaking the destructive cycle of dysfunction:
  - I. Even heroes of the Bible like Samuel, Abraham, Moses, and David caused dysfunction in their own families.
  - II. Jesus died on the Cross for our sin, pain, and affliction, He is our path to life as a new creation breaking the cycle of dysfunction.
  - III. If we turn to Christ, he is faithful to lead us in the fight to prevent or break the dysfunctional cycle.

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Has someone ever told you, "You are just like your... Looking back at your parents or grandparents or forward at your children, can you see any quirky behaviors that were handed down?"

#### SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

Read Exodus 20:5 & 6 NASB

- 1) Look at the contrast in verses 5 and 6. God never leaves us trapped, Read Ezekiel 33:14-15.
- 2) Read Acts 13:21-23; how does verse twenty-three show God's grace and lovingkindness?

Read Galatians 6:7-8 (NASB) says, "for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."

- 1) How does the world encourage sowing to your own flesh?
- 2) What specific actions can we take to sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life?

#### TAKING IT HOME

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- 1) Share with your group an "Old thing" that passed away when Jesus made you a "new creation."
- 2) Read Psalm 51:6 (NASB) makes it clear; God wants our honest prayers. How should David's statement guide us to bring everything to God when we pray?

#### PRAYER TIME

Close your group in prayer. Thank God for his grace and lovingkindness. Ask for the wisdom from the Holy Spirit to recognize any ways we might be sowing to our flesh and the strength through Jesus to fight the battles we face.

#### ACTION STEPS

This week, let David's prayer in Psalm 51:1-17 (NASB), guide your prayers, David was "a man after God's own heart." because of his courage to come to God with his "broken and a contrite heart."