

**Title:** Focus on the Family  
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*Oikos:* house, household, family

*Patria:* family, tribe, nationalities

### **Ephesians 3:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

### **Primary unit for humanity**

#### **Genesis 2:24**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

#### **Genesis 6:18**

<sup>18</sup> But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark; you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

#### **Genesis 9:12**

<sup>12</sup> And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

### **Covenant unit**

#### **Genesis 17:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

### **Families and generations**

#### **Exodus 20:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

#### **Psalms 22:27**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

### **The way back**

#### **Jeremiah 6:16**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls."

#### **Proverbs 12:28**

<sup>28</sup> In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.

## The redeemed family

- **Reconciliation and unity**

### Malachi 4:6

<sup>6</sup> And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

- **Order**

### Colossians 3:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

## The spiritual family

### Matthew 12:47-50

<sup>47</sup> Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." <sup>48</sup> But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

## The church as family

- **God as father**

### Deuteronomy 1:31

<sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.

### Isaiah 63:16

<sup>16</sup> Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

### Psalms 68:6

<sup>6</sup> God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

- **God our father**

### Romans 8:16-17

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

## Our beauty

### Isaiah 60:1-5, 8

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

<sup>8</sup> Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts?

### **Acts 4:31-33**

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

### **John 17:20-22**

<sup>20</sup> I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

### **Joel 2:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup> And also on My menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

### **Acts 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

### **Acts 4:33**

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

### **Isaiah 60:1**

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### **Isaiah 60:8**

<sup>8</sup> Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts?

### **Ezekiel 37:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. <sup>2</sup> Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." <sup>4</sup> Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.