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*Deut 6:1-7:11*

*Genesis 2:21-24;*

*Ephesians 5:21- 6:9*



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To Exalt Christ, Equip  
disciples, & Engage our  
community with Passion and  
Joy!

Mission Statement

## Genesis 1:27, 31

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them...  
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.



## Genesis 2:22

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.



## Genesis 2:23

The man said,  
“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘woman,’  
for she was taken out of  
man.”



## Genesis 2:24

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.





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# Why adults who are unmarried and childless are so important to family life



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*Mom and dad aren't the only adults who can have a positive impact on children.*



*On the key measures of cutting back on paid employment in order to care for others, she found that adults with no children took cutbacks for children such as nieces and nephews. In fact, they were just as likely to do so as were adults with their own children under 18.*



## 1 Corinthians 7:32-34

An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord... An unmarried woman... Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit...



## Deut 6:1-3

Commands... God directed me  
to teach you to observe... so  
that you, your children and  
their children after them may  
fear the Lord your God as long  
as you live



## Deut 6:1-3

...by keeping all his decrees and  
commands that I give you, and  
so that you may enjoy long  
life... be careful to obey so that  
it may go well with you...



## Deut 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our  
God, the Lord is one. Love the  
Lord your God with all your  
heart and with all your soul and  
with all your strength.





## Deut 6:6-7

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



## Deut 6:7-9

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 on your gates.



## Deut 6:13-15

be careful that you do not forget  
the Lord... serve him only... for  
the Lord your God... is a jealous  
God and his anger will burn  
against you, and he will destroy  
you from the face of the land.



## Deut 6:18

Do what is right and good in the  
Lord's sight, so that it may go  
well with you and you may go in  
and take over the good land the  
Lord promised on oath to your  
ancestors,




## Deut 6:20-21

In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?” tell him [the story of God's deliverance]



## Deut 6:24-25

The Lord commanded us to obey... and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper... And if we are careful to obey... as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness. 



## Deut 7:7-8

The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you...



## Deut 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord  
your God is God; he is the faithful  
God, keeping his covenant of  
love to a thousand generations  
of those who love him and keep  
his commandments.



## Deut 7:10

“those who hate him he will  
repay to their face by  
destruction;

he will not be slow to repay to  
their face those who hate him.”



Deut 7:11

Therefore, take care to follow the  
commands, decrees and laws I  
give you today.



Mark 12:29

“The most important one,”  
answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O  
Israel: The Lord our God, the  
Lord is one’...



## Mark 12:30-31

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’





## John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.



Eph 1:4

For he chose us in him before the  
creation of the world to be holy  
and blameless in his sight.



## Eph 2:17-18

He came and preached peace to  
you who were far away and  
peace to those who were near.  
For through him we both have  
access to the Father by one  
Spirit.



## Eph 3:6

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.



## Eph 4:1-3

I urge you... Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.



## Eph 4:21-23

when you heard about Christ... You were taught... to put off your old self... to be made new in the attitude of your minds... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 🙌



Eph 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of  
God, with whom you were sealed  
for the day of redemption.



Eph 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to  
one another, forgiving each  
other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.



## Eph 5:8-10

but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light (for the  
fruit of the light consists in all  
goodness, righteousness and  
truth) and find out what pleases  
the Lord.



## Eph 5:18-19

...be filled with the Spirit...

...speaking to one another  
with psalms, hymns, and  
songs from the Spirit...



Eph 5:20-21

...always giving thanks to God the  
Father for everything, in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ...



Eph 5:20-21

Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.



Eph 5:22

Wives, submit yourselves to your  
own husbands as you do to the  
Lord...



Eph 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just  
as Christ loved the church and  
gave himself up for her...





Eph 5:28

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.



## Eph 5:28-30

After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.



Eph 5:33

each one of you also must love  
his wife as he loves himself, and  
the wife must respect her  
husband.



## Eph 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother... so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”



Eph 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



## Eph 6:5-7

[Employees], obey your  
[employers] with respect and  
fear, and with sincerity of heart,  
just as you would obey Christ.



## Eph 6:9

And [employers], treat your [employees] in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.



Eph 5:21

Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.







“It takes a  
village  
to raise a child”



“It takes a  
[church]  
to raise a child”



“It takes a  
[church]  
to raise a child”



Cultivating intergenerational relationships is one of the most important ways in which effective faith communities are developing flourishing faith in both young and old.

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## Deut 6:2

so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.





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