

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

LITTLE TWIGS: In our weekly gatherings we engage in teaching God's truth and responding through singing, collective prayer and liturgical readings. We believe it is important for our children to see, hear, and experience God's Word and His people responding in worship. In this way we corporately seek to raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph 6:4), so children remain in worship and teaching with the adults.

Here are a few ideas to engage your little ones in the service today:

- Each week sermon passages are listed in the handout; before church on Sunday read the Scripture being taught out loud as a family and pick out key words in the passage.
- Have your children listen and - pat your arm, make a mark, draw a circle, or count the number of times those key words come up in the sermon.
- Incentivize success with rewards or snacks
- Pick up a "Little Twigs" plastic tote in the entry way before church.
- Ask your little one to draw a picture of the things they are hearing in the sermon.
- Have your child help with offering.
- After church take your child to "Little Twigs" where they hear a summary of the sermon, ask them what they learned.

March 16, 2025

Today's Order of Service:

- Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Advent Doxology
- Reading: The Word Made Flesh
- Speak O' LORD

Teaching: Eph 6:4, "The Kingdom Minded Parents"

- Collection of Tithes and Offerings
- Communion
- Before the Throne
- Praise to the LORD
- Christ the True and Better
- Numbers 6:24

Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events: (also see website)

March 16 – King of My Family; Parenting: Ephesians 6:4 Duet 6:1-9

March 23 – King of My Family; Children: Ephesians 6:1-3 Duet 6

March 30 – The King Ressurrected; Mark 15:1-6

April 6 – The King Ressurrected; Mark 15:16-32

April 13 – The King Ressurrected; Mark 15:33-47

April 20 – **Ressurrection Sunday**; Mark 16:1-20

GROWTH GROUPS: Started Wednesday night Feb 19th, if you are not in one and would like to be please see Robb.

THE WORKSHOP: Men's Bible Study. Meet's the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location: 4H Fair Grounds, Church Building. Next Meeting: April 6th, 7:30am.

LIVE STREAMING: If you cannot attend in person, you can join us by clicking the button on our home page at **vineandbranch.family**

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Psalm 127:3 says, "*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.*"

Context: Ephesians 1-4 is a solid foundation of our Life in Christ. Chapter 5-6 include practical treatment on how our **life in Christ** impacts **our life in our Home**.

Eph 6:4 Begins with, "*Fathers.*" (Pateres) explicitly means " **male parents**. Parents (6:1) = "goneis" = plural term for "parents." **God singles out fathers** as the one **responsible** for establishing the rule and standard that "*do not provoke*" and overseeing the "*discipline and instruction*" which aim children in right **thinking** and **living** in alignment with a God-centered world view.

The FATHER of a family is alone in his **responsibility** – he will stand before God as the one responsible for those under his care. But a father is NOT alone in his **efforts**.

- *When a father needs to work away from home, or is busy about his work of provision, a wife's joyful and honoring submission will take **whatever effort the husband makes and glorify it.***
- *A mother who is about the work of caring and nurturing her children; the loving, sanctifying work of her husband will take **whatever efforts the wife is making and exalt it.***
- The church becomes a place where fatherless children can gain them. Our family team (Church) can take **whatever efforts others are making** and glorify and exalt them.

Principle standards for not provoking and discipline and instruction:

1. **Jesus Christ at the center of our hearts, our lives, and our home**
2. **Grace permeated atmosphere**
3. **Living as beloved children of God**
4. **Expressing Gratitude, thanksgiving, and Praise**
5. **God's Word as the Standard**