

High-Jacked • “Family Jacked”

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Main Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Referenced Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:18-21, Joshua 1:7-8, 1 Kings 2:2-3, Romans 10:9-10, 2 Chronicles 34

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Shawn’s message?
2. Sadly to some children are an inconvenience, and to many others a great blessing. What do understand God’s heart for children to be?

DIG DEEPER:

1. David (**1 Samuel 16**), Samuel (**1 Samuel 1-3**), Joash (**2 Kings 11**), and Mary (**Matthew 1**) are great examples of God using children in extraordinary ways to accomplish His purposes. Why do you think God would many times choose children instead of the accomplished, educated, and high profile to accomplish his purposes?
2. In **Matthew 19:13-15** the disciples rebuked the children, and Jesus rebukes the disciples. Contrast the hearts of the disciples with Jesus’ heart in this instance. Where do you find application to our lives?
3. **2 Timothy 3:15-17** has much to say about the truth and power of God’s Word. Identify the key points Paul shares and how they apply to your own life. How can the truth in this text be applied into families?
4. How have you seen families hijacked by the overt and covert actions of the devil? How have you also seen families high-jacked by the Lord and brought back into a healthy and right relationship with Him?
5. If we are reading the Word, and not applying the Word into our lives how are we deceiving ourselves about our own true spiritual condition? How have you been challenged by the principles of *read and apply, listen and obey*?
6. What are some practical ways that marriages and families can be strengthened in the Lord? What are some benefits of taking these ways to heart for marriages, families, and the church, and consequences if not done?

REFLECT:

1. How have you been overwhelmed by the way God has used a child in your life to see Jesus more clearly?
2. What has the Lord specifically shown you about children and families and the importance of keeping your eyes, ears, and heart turned to Him?

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 127:3

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.”

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