

Trust Jesus with your Family

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Passage: 1 Samuel 2:12-36

Main Point: Do not allow family to become your idol .

Case Study:

Your children are in middle school. They have decided that they do not believe in the God of the Bible, and they do not want to go to church anymore. Your spouse believes your children have the right to choose what they believe? How do you address this situation?

The Word:

1. What did Eli's sons do that was displeasing to God. Why was God disappointed with Eli?
2. In 1 Samuel 2:30, God says He will not honor those who disdain Him. How does this apply to us and our families?
3. Because of Eli's disobedience, God brought disaster on Eli's family. What did God say would happen to Eli's family in v.34-36?

The World:

1. What is God's purpose for providing us with families?
2. Read Mark 3:31-35. How can Jesus' example teach us to honor God even before we honor our families?
3. Read John 1:12-13. How does family identity play a role in how we live our lives?

The Application:

1. What can you do this week to bless your church family?
2. How can you dedicate your family to God's purposes?
3. What parts of your family life hinder you from serving your brothers and sisters in Christ?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.