

A Life of Hope

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'SHARING HOPE IN OUR FAMILY'
DEUTERONOMY 11:1-21

What makes your family a beautiful, safe place? Think on the following philosophies, practices and perimeters that make families beautiful and safe!

What philosophies do you and your family hold ?

Consider these -

Get through the day and survive.

Work hard and get ahead and you will do well.

Find out what's working today and copy it.

Search out who has power.

I just want you to be happy.

The passage in Deuteronomy could be summed up - If you love God and obey Him, it will go well with you! As this worked for the ancient Israelites, could this work for you today? Is this a hard philosophy to follow, or too simplistic?

Read Ephesians 5 : 21 - 33 & 6 : 1 - 4. Consider the simple rules that the Apostle sets out for harmonious family life! What is the over-riding principle?

If the practices in your family revolve around stories, models and habits, how can you use them in your situation? The Scripture passage in verses Deuteronomy 11 : 2 to 7 tells stories of God's faithfulness and guiding. What stories do you have in your family?

Someone said - " Hope is waiting patiently for the joy that you don't yet possess". Think about this in the light of God's eternal timing and economy. Can we be too impatient?

Are you or your family stuck in a rut? Is this always a bad thing? Can you be stuck in a good rut? What about the rut of praying for your family as you drive! or the rut of praying before you eat! What other good ruts are your family stuck in?

Are there perimeters that we should stay within as Christians? What about husbands and wives staying together for a lifetime? What about children obeying you parents? What other would you list?