

WHAT'S A CHURCH FAMILY FOR?

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"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone.'" Genesis 2:18

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

I. A CHURCH FAMILY IS TO BE A SHELTER IN STORMS

"Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." Proverbs. 14:26 (LB)

"Two are better than one... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad because there's no one to help him." Ecclesiastes. 4:9-10 (GN)

"One standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer." Ecclesiastes. 4:12 (LB)

II. A CHURCH FAMILY IS LEARNING CENTER.

"May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong." Psalm. 144:12 (GN)

"Fathers, bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians. 6:4

What You Learn From Your Church Family

* Relationships

* Character

* Values

"One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next." Isaiah. 38:19 (LB)

III. A CHURCH FAMILY IS A PLACE TO PLAY.

*"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is **fullness of joy**; At Your right hand are **pleasures forevermore**." Psalm 16:11*

IV. A CHURCH FAMILY IS TO BE A LAUNCH PAD FOR MINISTRY.

*"And God Himself gave gifts - some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints **for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12*

MY ACTION ITEMS: