

They Are Just Too Much!

Philippians

Welcome back and here we go. Tonight, we are going to talk about personal ministry to family and others. This message is born out of a fusion of our Monday Discipleship class and Tuesday's Bible study. In Discipleship class we last talked about personal ministry. In the Tuesday study we are learning about Faith-Rest.

Mark 6:1-6 ¹Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. ⁴But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." ⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

1) Jesus' own _____ and _____ rejected Him.

Boy, what chance do we stand!

2) We all want to _____ our loved ones!

But they can often be TOO MUCH!

- We have patterns of association --- the way we act towards each other.
- We have family using drugs, very angry, or lost.
- They harmed me.
- They are unbelievers.
- They are estranged.
- They are argumentative.
- They scoff and mock.
- They are far away.
- We have history.
- They don't trust me.
- I harmed them.
- They _____.

3) There are a lot of reasons we _____ family!

Here is where Faith-Rest is needed. The part where we say, "I Believe".

Hebrews 10:12-39

God can help my loved one.

God will help my loved one on my behalf!

If you are a servant of the Living God:

- Perhaps you need to step back.
- Perhaps you need boundaries.
- Perhaps you should leave them alone for your mental health.
- Maybe you need to let go of them, stop trying so hard and let God.
- Maybe they are not your job!

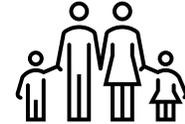
Isaiah 49:25 *But thus says the Lord: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, And I will save your children.*

Psalms 102:25-28 *Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. ²⁷ But You are the same, And Your years will have no end. ²⁸ The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."*

4) Trust God to _____ .



===== My kids =====



I have absolute trust God will provide for them.

Philippians 4:19 *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

I hold this close to my heart!

But more importantly ----- ARE YOU A BELIEVER WILLING TO SERVE?

5) It is easier to _____ to _____ !

We don't have all the barriers that exist with family.

Philippians 2:1-4 *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

My own interests would include family!

People are praying that someone will help. Perhaps that someone is YOU! Answered PRAYER!

So, I am saying, give yourself a break.

6) Serve _____ and trust God with your _____ !

Let's pray.



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