

LESSONS WE LEARNED FROM THE LOCKDOWN PART III
“FAMILY MATTERS”
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INTRODUCTION

- We all learned or should have learned some lessons in the last 18 months.
- Week 1 - Our Bodies and Money Matter! Our spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial lives should be fixed.
- Week 2 - Were we ready for difficult days? Eternal perspective empowers us to live in faith.
- This week is Family Matters.

I. FAMILY MATTERS

- For most of us being at home was a game changer.
- Overall parents reported more negative interactions with their children, but also reported increased positive interactions with their children.
- How we live in and lead our families is a Stewardship.
- Ephesians 5:21, “And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”
- Ephesians 6:1-4, “Children, obey your parents...
...⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger...”
- 1 Peter 3:7-9, “...husbands must give honor to your wives...Love each other...”
- Summing it up:
 - Submit to and love each other.
 - Children obey your parents.
 - Parents don’t embitter your kids.
 - Honor one another.

II. WHAT’S OUR FAMILY VALUE?

- We need to be intentional, consistent, and creative with our families.
- Through grace filled spaces we win the hearts of our family. This requires humility.
- Redemptive and committed relationships can only be developed ahead of time.
- What foundation are we laying with your children?

III. WHAT’S OUR FAMILY NAME?

- As a family, what’s your guiding goal?
- Our spiritual walk as parents is the most important tool we can nurture and grow in this life.
- What are we leading our families toward?
- Three relationships that define our lives:
 - Relationship with our Creator, our family, ourselves.
- Identity is shaped and tested in adversity.
- What were the delights?
- What were the disciplines or rituals of your family?
- What were the deeds of your family?

IV. WHAT’S YOUR TREASURE?

- Matthew 6:19-21, “Don’t store up treasures here on earth...²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven...²¹ Wherever your treasure is...the desires of your heart will also be.”
- What’s the Treasure? Your family’s life is a treasure.
- Hearts are so important to God and to families.
- Your children need to see you believing for their hearts.

CLOSE

- Legacy is the story that is told when we’re gone.
- We are writing the story of our family. What story do we want told? What story does He want told about us?
- Proverbs 4:23, “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”