

**Building Our Family Values: 1 of 5**  
**“Building Our Value Of Faith”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into **practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." **Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)**

What would our family say is our foundation? \_\_\_\_\_

**What doesn't work?**

- Legalistic Christianity: Rules without relationship leads to rebellion.
- Lukewarm Christianity: Convenience over character leads to weak faith

**What does work?**

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**  
**Remember Verse**

**Big Idea:** To build my family values on a firm foundation, I must love God personally and practically.

**As the \_\_\_\_\_ family, we will build our value of faith by:**

**1. Loving God \_\_\_\_\_**

"So fear the LORD and serve Him **wholeheartedly**. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped... **Serve** the LORD alone. But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then **choose** today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." **Joshua 24:14-15 (NLT)**

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."  
**Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (NIV)**

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## 2. Loving Our Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

“Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.”

**Hebrews 13:4 (NLT2)**

“Didn’t the LORD make you **one** with your wife? In body and spirit you are His. And what does He want? **Godly children** from your union. So **guard your heart**; remain **loyal** to the wife of your youth.” **Malachi 2:15 (NLT2)**

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” **Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)**

“However, each one of you also **must love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife **must respect** her husband.” **Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)**

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## 3. Loving Our Children \_\_\_\_\_

“**Impress** them on your children. **Talk** about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

**Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIV)**

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

**Psalms 78:4 (NLT)**

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## 4. Loving Our Parents \_\_\_\_\_

“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” **Ephesians 6:1-3 (NLT2)**

“Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged. Fear your God. I am the LORD.” **Leviticus 19:32 (NLT2)**

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➤ **How can our family improve in following Jesus?**

**My next right step, I will:**

Begin my relationship with Jesus

Make my spouse a priority by: \_\_\_\_\_

Involve God in our daily conversations as a family

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Open in Prayer.**

**Icebreaker:**

Growing up, how have we been legalistic or lukewarm in our faith?

How has that affected our family?

What is one thing that we can do to be more Christ-centered as a family?

**Read Matthew 7:24-25.**

What would our family say is our foundation?

Why is it important to have God's truth as our foundation for our family? Why?

**Big Idea:** To build my family values on a firm foundation, I must love God personally and practically.

**As the \_\_\_\_\_ family we will build our value of faith by:**

**1. Loving God Personally**

**Read Joshua 24:14-15**

Even though many of the Israelites were wavering in their faith, Joshua doesn't hesitate. What choice does Joshua give to the people?

What choice does Joshua make for his family?

**Read Deuteronomy 6:5-6**

Where does faith need to begin in our family?

How can we show we love God more?

**2. Loving Our Spouse Sacrificially**

**Read Hebrews 13:4**

What does God want?

**Read Malachi 2:15**

What does God want?

**Read Ephesians 5:21**

How can we, as a family, practice this verse?

**Read Ephesians 5:33**

How can we better demonstrate love and respect to each other?

How can we, as a family, express love towards each other?

How can we improve in showing respect?

How can loving our spouse help our kids follow God?

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:7.**

How does my love stand up to this verse?

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**3. Loving Our Children Faithfully**

**Read Matthew 19:13-15.**

How can I practically bring my kids to Jesus on a regular basis?

**Read Psalm 78:4.**

How can I unintentionally hide the truth about God from my children?

How can I better allow my kids to explore their doubts?

How can I better keep my kids in the conversation of faith and doubts?

**4. Loving Our Parents Honorably**

**Read Ephesians 6:1-3**

Why should we follow our parent's instructions?

How can we apply this verse this week?

**Read Leviticus 19:32**

How can we show respect to those who are older than us?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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