

## **HOPE FOR MY FAMILY** *Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 1)*

### **My prayer for my family:**

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*<sup>45</sup> For You are my hope; O Lord God, You are my confidence from my youth.”*  
Psalm 71:5 (NASB)

*<sup>47</sup> ‘There is hope for your future,’ declares the Lord, ‘And your children will return to their own territory.’”* Jeremiah 31:17 (NASB)

*<sup>44</sup> For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that ... we might have hope.”* Romans 15:4 (NASB)

### **I. THERE IS NO PAIN LIKE FAMILY PAIN.**

*<sup>42</sup> Then the king said to the Cushite, ‘Is it well with the young man Absalom?’ And the Cushite answered, ‘Let the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be as that young man!’*

*<sup>33</sup> The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, ‘O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’”* 2 Samuel 18:32-33 (NASB)

### **II. FAMILY PAIN IS THE RESULT OF SIN.**

*<sup>41</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Indeed, has God said, “You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?”’”* Genesis 3:1 (NASB)

#### **God’s Word questioned**

*<sup>42</sup> The woman said to the serpent, ‘From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup> but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.”’”* Genesis 3:2-3 (NASB)

#### **God’s Word distorted**

*<sup>44</sup> The serpent said to the woman, ‘You surely will not die!’ <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”* Genesis 3:4-5 (NASB)

## God's Word denied

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings." Genesis 3:6-7 (NASB)

### III. ONLY GOD CAN CLEANSE OUR FAMILIES.

"Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against Me. <sup>3</sup> ... My people do not understand." Isaiah 1:2b-3 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> ... offspring of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, ... ." Isaiah 1:4 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> Where will you be stricken again, as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the head there is nothing sound in it, only bruises, welts and raw wounds," Isaiah 1:5-6a (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> Bring your worthless offerings no longer, ... <sup>15</sup> So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. ... ." Isaiah 1:13, 15 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> 'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the Lord, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.'" Isaiah 1:18 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant ... He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love." Micah 7:18 (NASB)

### IV. ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE OUR FAMILIES.

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain." Psalm 127:1 (NASB)

#### Three Immediate Results:

- It melts our pride.
- It cleans the slate.
- It releases the grace of God.

### V. THERE IS NO JOY LIKE FAMILY JOY.

<sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth." 3 John 4 (NASB)