

# MESSAGE NOTES

## **“Flowing Together”**

*Part two of the series: “Family Matters”*

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*“So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”*

*(Genesis 3:6-7 ESV)*

## **God has designated roles in marriage.**

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” (Ephesians 5:22-25 ESV)*

## **Establish clear boundaries.**

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” (Ephesians 5:31-33 ESV)*

## **Parents and children**

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.’ <sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:1-4 ESV)*

## **Navigate necessary conversations.**

*“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (Ephesians*

4:15-16 ESV)

**Consider present journey and past history.**

*“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19 ESV)*

*“If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”  
(Proverbs 18:13 ESV)*

**God calls us into His family, through the act of ultimate empathy.**

*“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8 ESV)*

*“In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us...” (Ephesians 1:4-8 ESV)*