

## Family Matters

### Week 3

Your vision is set on how you reflect on your past and project to your future.

"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."

[Hebrews 12:2]

#### 1. Our family is the family of God

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

[Galatians 5:13]

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

[Hebrews 13:1]

- The power to deal with our past

Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.

[Proverbs 14:10]

- The choice to confront unhealthy patterns

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

"Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

[Galatians 5:14-15]

- The freedom to live free

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit,

and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

[Galatians 5:16-18]

## 2. Our family lives by specific values

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

[Galatians 5:22-23]

## 3. Our family belongs to each other

We are many parts of one body, and we belong to each other.

[Romans 12:5]

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

[Galatians 5:25-26]

Bear each other's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

[Galatians 6:2]

For we are responsible for our own conduct.

[Galatians 6:5]

So what are your house rules?