

God's Heartbeat for Family

Joshua 24:15b

BIG IDEA QUESTION: What is God's heartbeat for family?

BIG IDEA ANSWER: To serve God and bring glory to Him.

The Current Heartbeat of Families: What goes on inside today's families' walls?

God's Heartbeat for Family in the Bible: How has God used families throughout the bible?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Psalms 78:1-7

Matthew 12:46-50

Flat-lining God's Heartbeat for Family: What hinders God from working in your family?

The Top 10 Issues Facing Today's Family:

- Anti-Christian Culture: Stripping away of Christian heritage and traditional values.
- Divorce: The ongoing wave of broken marriages and families both in and out of the church.
- Busyness: Participation in numerous activities crowding out quality family fellowship.
- Lack of a Father Figure: Absence of a father in the home or lack of strong involvement in the family.
- Lack of Discipline: Death of respectful behavior as a norm in our schools, churches, and families.
- Financial Pressures: Chronic misuse of debt and/or mismanagement of financial resources.
- Lack of Communication: Increasing abbreviation or near elimination of meaningful family member interaction.
- Negative Media Influences: Growing influx of destructive images and messages into the home.
- Balance of Work and Family: Rising pressure to invest more energy in work at the expense of family.
- Materialism: The high regard of ownership and consumption as a family priority.

Resuscitating God's Heartbeat for Family: What life-saving steps need to be taken right now?

Strengthening God's Heartbeat for Family: What must be included to make it last?

Matthew 22:34-40

3 important values: Love God - a HEALTHY relationship with God
Love Yourself - a HEALTHY relationship with yourself
Love Others - a HEALTHY relationship with others

Choosing God's Heartbeat for Family: What choice do you need to make today?

Joshua 24:14-15

Judges 2:8-10