

The Why and the What - Forever Family

Part 1: “The Offended Family” II Timothy 2:24-26

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Introduction: One of the central reasons why we exist is because we believe in forever family.

Because of Family

We believe that Christ-Centered lives make unignorable impact first in their families:

Therefore, we love all families no matter the age or the stage. If they are grandparents who are parenting their grandkids, single-parent families, or families who are made up of his kids, our kids, and their kids (adopted or foster kids), or no kids at all. We love all families; widows and widowers, young and old, rich and poor. We love when families are reconciled to the Father and to each other. But most of all, we long for all families to be a part of the forever family of born-again, blood-bought believers! WE ARE FOREVER FAMILY!

Family

- You long for all families to join Christ’s forever family.
- You take part in church fellowships to help establish lasting church family connections.
- You support ministry opportunities that draw new families to FBC.
- You help create a family environment where people feel safe and welcomed.
- You invite neighborhood families to church and special events.
- You are excited to include families of all types into the ministries of FBC.

In this passage Paul addresses young Timothy...

The Godly pastor should know that families are trapped by the enemy and God desires to set them free.

How will this be accomplished?

The greatest of all is the servant of all.

The servant of all is not motivated by argument but by love.

Gentleness is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:26

The servant knows how to teach with the skill of a surgeon with a scalpel.

That the greatest work takes the greatest time.

Correcting those in opposition can only be done without thinking of how it might affect his reputation; humility.

Correction cannot be received without people coming to their senses.

This takes time, prayer and skillful teaching.

That repentance is a gift from God but can only be given after correction is received.

Truth above all, because truth frees all. John 8:33

Whole families are caught in Satan's trap and may not even know it. So, today God desires to set you free.



Joy Lipp's story.

Let's stand and read and pray for the Lord to set the offended family free today.

I. Satan wants to trap us in his cage of offense. Luke 17:1-5

a. What is an offense? It is any event that causes you pain.

- i. Whether you were treated unjustly, or believe you have been treated unjustly.
- ii. Luke 17:1-5

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!" ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. ³ Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

II. Satan is a master trapper. I Peter 5:7

a. He is going to lay this trap along your normally traveled path of life.

- i. He will cleverly disguise it,
- ii. carefully conceal it,
- iii. and masterfully set it.
 1. He does not care where the hurt came from...he just wants to trap you.

b. He is going to use great bait, bait is always very enticing.

1. Something we are drawn to.
2. Something that many of your family or friends have been enticed by.
3. Something you want to quickly devour.
4. Something that appeals to your senses;

- a. Hurt: whether real or justified, justice, revenge, anger, fairness, right and wrong.

c. Once the trap is sprung, we live in unforgiveness. Hebrews 12:14-17

- i. We are taken captive by Satan to do his will.

1. This bitterness defiles many.

2. This is the offended family.

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

d. The only way out is forgiveness. Luke 11:2-4

- i. **Granting forgiveness is a daily part of the believer's abundant life.**

1. ² So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one."

2. Forgiveness does not mean we sweep things under the rug.

3. Forgiveness does not mean we forget.

4. Forgiveness does not mean we disregard the real hurt caused.

- ii. **Forgiveness means we let go of the hurt caused by someone so that we will not be trapped. Matthew 6:14-15**

1. Forgiveness trusts God to deal with the other person, and does not hold onto the hurt.

- a. ¹⁴ "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

- b. Luke 6:37-38: "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

2. Someone does not have to come to us and ask for forgiveness for us to grant them forgiveness.

- a. Luke 23:32-34: 32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

iii. Believers are commanded to forgive because we have been forgiven. Ephesians 4:32

1. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
2. Lack of desire to forgive comes from a lack of understanding of how much we have been forgiven.

- a. Luke 7:40-50

⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." ⁴¹ "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." ⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ *Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.*" ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Conclusion: The only way to freedom from the traps of Satan is through Jesus.

As a part of our ongoing effort to grow and maintain growth on to our Next Level building:

Starting on May 23, 2021:

New Schedule: 9AM first service, 10AM SS, and 11AM second service.

Both services will have the same music.

Both services will have children's church.

This will encourage and motivate folks in our 10:30AM service to move to the 9AM.

This will allow for us to grow to have 2 services running 350 people.

I know that this will squeeze SS, so in light of that we are beginning:

September 12, 2021 Small groups in homes during the week.

Curriculum for the small groups will be based on that week's sermons.

They will be a semester by semester format.

Sign up for a small group and stay with it for the semester, then have a chance to find a new one, or stay with the one you have.

Men's, women's and couples.

Training for all small group leaders will occur before we begin them in the fall.

Acts 2:42-47 return to the house by house model.

This will make disciples.

This will build relationships.

This will encourage fellowship.

This will lead to serving our community and missions endeavors.

This will encourage intimate and powerful prayer.

This will share life's struggles.

This will grow our church by accessing unlimited house to house potential without the need of building

If we have 2 services running 350, we cannot have all the classes meeting here...some will have to meet in homes.

David Guzik: 3. (2Ti 2:24-26) The kind of attitude God can use: The gentle servant.

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and* escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

a. **A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all:** The great men of our world are not usually thought of as servants nor as gentle. Yet in the kingdom of God, greatness is marked by being **a servant of the Lord** and by being **gentle to all**.

- i. “Paul’s meaning is that gentleness should be shown even to those who least deserve it, and even if at first there is no apparent hope of progress, still the challenge must be accepted.” (Calvin)
- b. **A servant of the Lord must:** When Paul wrote to Timothy about **a servant of the Lord**, he told him about some of the basic characteristics of a godly pastor.
- i. Timothy **must not quarrel but be gentle to all**. It was not his job as a pastor to pick fights and to look for conflict. Some men only feel energized and motivated if they have an argument; Timothy (and every pastor) should be of a different sort.
- ii. Timothy must be **able to teach**. With the great emphasis Paul placed on God’s Word, a pastor who is not **able to teach** is like a surgeon who can’t use a scalpel.
- iii. Timothy must be **patient**. God’s work often takes time. Sometimes we can see why it takes so much time, sometimes we can’t – but God is not in a hurry, and wants us to learn how to patiently trust Him.
- iv. Timothy must be **in humility correcting those who are in opposition**: The gentleness and patience Timothy must have does not mean he is to never confront those who need to be confronted; but he must do it **in humility**.
- c. **In humility correcting those who are in opposition**: Paul specifically told Timothy how to correct these opposing ones.
- i. **If God perhaps will grant them repentance**: They need to repent, and this repentance will never happen apart from a work of God in their heart.
- ii. **If God perhaps will grant them repentance**: The idea is not, “Maybe God will or maybe God won’t grant them repentance.” The idea is more, “It’s remarkable thing to see this work of God, and I won’t presume upon it happening.”
- iii. **So that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses**: Anyone who fights against God is deceived, and must come to their senses; repentance flows as someone comes to the truth in this way.
- iv. **And escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him**: Those who are in opposition to God’s work, whether they know it or not, are bound in a demonic deception, and are doing the devil’s work. They need to **escape the snare of the devil**, and God is ready to set them free.

d. **Taken captive by him to do his will:** Paul spoke of those who serve the devil and those who serve God. There is a choice for every person, every Christian, who they will decide to serve.

i. To be a servant of the Lord – a vessel of honor for Him – we must be empty, clean, and available. If we refuse to empty ourselves, clean ourselves, and make ourselves available to the Lord, we will find ourselves captive to the devil in one sense or another.

Amazon Expands Pay By Palm - Another Precursor To The Mark Of The Beast?



Amazon is expanding its palm-scanning payment system to a Whole Foods store in Seattle, the first of many planned rollouts at other locations.

Amazon One, which debuted in September and is currently in use at about a dozen Amazon physical stores, allows shoppers to pay for items by placing their palm over a scanning device.

The first time shoppers use the kiosk, they have to insert a credit card to link it with their palm print. But after that, shoppers can pay simply by holding their hand over the kiosk.

Amazon will initially roll out Amazon One at the Whole Foods in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, very close to the company's headquarters, before launching the system at seven Seattle-area Whole Foods in coming months.

Amazon acquired the grocery chain in 2017 for more than \$13 billion however it appears to have plans well beyond the grocery store chain.

Amazon has said it hopes to sell the palm-scanning technology to other companies like retailers, stadiums and office buildings. Amazon says it is in "active discussions with several potential customers."

The company says thousands of people have already signed up to use it at Amazon stores.

If Amazon's use of palm prints for identification and payment systems sounds like something you have read in the Book of Revelation you are correct.

The Book of Revelation warns that during the Tribulation every person will be required to accept a mark in their right hand which will be necessary for commerce.

"And the second beast required all people small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark -- the name of the beast or the number of its name. Here is a call for wisdom: Let the one who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and that number is six hundred sixty-six". Revelation 13:16-18

Many Christians are concerned that acceptance of such technology is conditioning people for when the actual 'mark of the beast' is implemented.

What often starts off as voluntary can just as easily become mandatory and whereas tech itself may be neutral, in the hands of the wrong person it could be extremely dangerous. Imagine the technology of today in the hands of Hitler.

There are also growing fears that an economic collapse and "reset" could bring about an era of forced digital cash that would be necessary to conduct commerce. Combine such new technologies as pay by palm for commerce with vaccine passports and you have a very coercive system that the government and future Antichrist could use to control the masses.

Christians have long debated the meaning of the "mark of the beast". It still remains to be seen if the mark will be digital tattoos, microchips under the skin or some other form of biometric payment using the hand such as Amazon Pay, but there is no denying it, our generation appears to be the first in history to have the technology and now cultural conditioning to fulfill this prophecy.

LGBT Nation: US Embassies Around World To Fly Rainbow Flag

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken has given approval for U.S. embassies and consulates around the world to fly the rainbow LGBT pride flag on the same pole as the American flag.

Blinken's directive reversed the policy of the Trump administration under former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who refused requests from embassies to fly the rainbow flag and the American flag together.

Blinken also authorized diplomats to unfurl the rainbow flag ahead of May 17, which is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. June commemorates Pride month in the United States and many other countries.

In 2019, then-Vice President Mike Pence defended the Trump administration's refusal to allow a sexuality-related flag to fly on the same pole as the flag representing the nation.

"As the president said on the night we were elected, we're proud to be able to serve every American. We both feel that way very passionately, but when it comes to the American flagpole, and American embassies, and capitals around the world, one American flag flies," he told NBC News.

Franklin Graham had previously commented on the flag controversy by saying that "the gay pride flag is offensive to Christians and millions of people of other faiths, not only in this country but around the world. The U.S. flag represents our nation--everyone--regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation".

While many claim flying such a flag displays inclusivity, it actually is promoting exclusivity. Promotion and pride in one particular lifestyle and sexual behavior over another, one that many Christian Americans find offensive. That is not inclusive, it is divisive.

Does the flagpole now become a political symbol for every group with a particular cause? How do you allow one particular symbol but not another? Is a BLM flag next? How about a vegetarian flag?

One can only imagine the uproar if a Christian flag was allowed to fly with the American flag despite a majority of this nation still claiming to be Christian.

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Biden agenda: Undermine 'life, family and religion'

32 of 62 executive actions align with objective



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A webpage created by the Family Research Council, called "[Tracking the Biden Administration](#)," shows that more than half of the president's executive actions have had one focus.

To undermine "life, family, and religious freedom."

"At the 100-day mark of the Biden administration, it has become evident that President Biden's call for unity and healing on day one of his presidency was nothing more than a rhetorical diversion, as he has demanded conformity to policies and priorities that threaten to lurch America to the Left in historic proportions," said FRC President Tony Perkins.

FRC found that of 62 executive actions, 32 undermine life, family or faith.

"As our Tracking the Biden Administration report shows, President Biden has moved at a record setting pace to enact a far-Left, anti-family agenda," Perkins said. "The Biden trophies of his 100-day sprint include returning to the pro-abortion policies of Barack Obama and forcing taxpayers back into a partnership with the abortion industry, both at home and abroad. He has made clear that he places no value on the inherent dignity of human life. His actions deny the truth that every human life, born and unborn, possesses inherent dignity and deserves to be treated with respect."

The report cites "accomplishments" such as authorizing tax funding of abortion overseas, donating to the United Nations Population Fund that cooperates with China despite that nation's coercive abortion practices, advocating for adoption of the long-dead Equal Rights Amendment, allowing chemical abortion pills to be dispensed by mail, and authorizing taxpayer funding of research using the body parts of aborted babies.

"He has already racked up a record of targeting people of faith and faith-based organizations by demoting religious protections and demanding uniform affirmation of the transgender ideology. Those who hold to biological reality and the doctrines of the world's major religions are being

put in the position of either violating their consciences or being treated by the government as second-class citizens," Perkins said.

"President Biden has consistently assaulted the very biological reality and science he claims guides his administration as he bowed to powerful interests who insist that girls can be boys and boys can be girls. He has even ordered schools to abolish girls' sports and force boys and girls to use the same showers and locker rooms. By spending millions of defense dollars on gender reassignment surgeries, he is using the military to force moral and cultural change on society, which endangers our nation, as he must divert the military's focus away from its mission of fighting and winning wars so that he can pursue his mission."

Among the executive actions is one that grants special rights to men who "identify" as women and women who identify as men.

And he's implemented further rights for transgendered people in the military, including putting taxpayers on the hook for various treatments.

He's also promoting LGBT "rights" globally through the nation's "diplomacy and foreign assistance."

He insists that nonmarried couples be treated as married in the nation's refugee systems, and he has killed the Trump administration's "White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative."

Biden announced his administration's support for allowing boys who identify as girls to compete in girls' athletic events, and he wants the federal government to take over all state elections, removing barriers to vote fraud.

"President Biden has surrounded himself with the most extreme cabinet in American history. Many of Biden's highest appointees have no qualifications besides their abortion activism and their track record of trampling on religious freedom," Perkins said. "As this report shows, the contrast between the Trump and Biden administrations could not be more stark."

Travis Weber, vice president for policy and government affairs at Family Research Council, added: "President Biden's words don't match his actions. His claim of unity rings hollow, as Biden's first 100 days in office have been marked with radical, aggressive, anti-life, anti-family, anti-freedom actions that have further divided our nation. His administration has moved more aggressively than any other to undo federal policies that protect the sanctity of life and defend the family. Any American who claims to value all human life, support the biological reality of the family, and want to protect freedom, should take note of Biden's abysmal record in these areas. His first 100 days proves it so."

The site also documents Biden's abortion agenda and shows that Vice President Kamala Harris has been radically pro-abortion throughout her career. At one point, she insisted that judicial nominees pass a pro-abortion litmus test.

She even voted against a legislative plan that would provide medical services to infants who survive abortion.

Biden is a professing Catholic, but many clergy have said he should be refused communion because his views on abortion and marriage conflict with the church's doctrine.