



Storm Strong Families Love Well (part 2)

Ephesians 5-6 Husbands, love your wives. Wives, submit to your own husbands. Children, obey your parents.

Today's teaching offered 7 "growing in love" family basics, beginning with a nurturing of a love for God, and then a growing in love for one another.

Let's get STARTED – Discuss

- When you think about families-found-in-Scripture **that struggled when it came to loving one another**, which ones come to mind? With the one that comes to mind, what were the specifics of the struggle?
- As you see it, what are the biggest hurdles any family faces that wants to grow in its understanding of God's love and also in its **expressing love toward God**?
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Let's EXPLORE in the WORD This week's teaching asked families to decide on this question: **What kind of family are we going to be?** Here are the 7 basics of a "growing in love" family. Discuss what you learned from this week's teaching about each one.

Our family...

#1 delights in God's love and nurtures love toward God
Deuteronomy 6:5, 7:9
Matthew 22:37

My parent(s)...

#2 always personally invest in loving God obediently in order to grow in loving each other

My parents'...

#3 mutual love relationship is primary; their love relationship with us is secondary.

My parent(s)...

#4 model loving each other well so that we learn how to love one another

Our family...

#5 believes/lives that loving God and loving others go hand-in-hand

Our family... #6 chooses not to love the "world" and its confusion
1 John 2:15-17

Our family... #7 prayerfully depends on God's Holy Spirit to be fully Jesus/Gospel centered
Ephesians 3:14-19
Galatians 2:20

Let's Prioritize APPLICATION - Simple step: Which of these "basics" apply most readily in your H<>W relationship, in your home life, or simply with you personally? What are you "taking away" from this as something which might be a focus for you in the upcoming days of your walk with Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER – for your family, for a family you know (perhaps you're related to), for a young couple that is considering becoming a family. Pray one of the "basics" to become a reality in the situation that is present with you.