

LIVING FREE: Breaking the Power of the Past

John 8:32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Recognizing Family Influences

- Deceitfulness - Abraham's Family

Genesis 12:12,13 Abraham

Genesis 26: 7 Isaac

Genesis 27:19 Jacob

Genesis 37:33-34 Sons

- Compromise - King David's Family

- Lasting Influences

Exodus 20:5-6

"Our family is the most powerful, influential group that has affected who we are today."

2. A New Birth into a Spiritual Family

John 3:3-5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven. So don't be surprised at my statement that you must be born again. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

Ezekiel 36:25-27 And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.

3. The New, First Family of Jesus

Romans 8:15-17 So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him "Father, dear Father." For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.

Galatians 3:28 For you are all Christians—you are one in Christ Jesus.

Mark 3:33-35 Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he looked at those around him and said, "These are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

4. The New Journey Church Family

2 Peter 1:4 As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature.

Luke 11:5-13 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks.

Are You Part of the Family?