Lessons From Your Family

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INTRODUCTION

- What he did was he gave us families. He decided to do it over generations, one generation after the other.
- So God built the world for us. Things he put on this world are to make the world operate, but also for other meanings.
- So Jesus drew lessons from all of these in his teaching as well.

1 Lessons You Learned as a Child

Romans 8:37–39; Romans 9:20; John 13:34–35

- Well, the first thing every child learns is love.
- So we see that same love that we learned as a child helps us understand the love of God for us.
- So sometimes the answer is no, because it's for your best, it's for your well-being.
- Children need to understand that they need to learn a respect for authority, and that authority better come from their parents.
- Just trust me. You're really going to like the results in the end.
- A child needs its home to be a haven from the world, and your brethren need that at the church as well.

2 In Adulthood You Learn Love

1 John 4:8; Ephesians 5:22–33; Revelation 19:7

- Once you get into adulthood, well, what do you learn there? Well, you learn love.
- It's also God's strongest emotion if you think about it. The one who does not love, does not know God, for God is love.
- So you love your spouse, just like Christ loved the church, and that's reflected in these verses.
- Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- So you see that there's this whole balance between the Christ and the church that reflects the balance between the husband and the wife.
- That's the kind of love that you need to have between you and your spouse. That's the kind of love that God wants from you as one of his children.

3 As Parents, You're Learning Love

Matthew 7:7–11; Proverbs 1:7–9

- Because as a parent, yes, again, you're learning love. And it's changed again, it's a different kind of love than you had before.
- You can hear God saying, now you understand.

- If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father in heaven give what is good to those who ask him?
- We don't ask. We don't seek, we don't find. We don't tell God what we need. But God wants to give you stuff just like you want to give your children stuff.
- You discipline them also. You do it out of love.
- You can still get back to the original, get back to the source by going to the Bible.

4 Well Begun Is Half Done

- Young people, decide when you're starting off that you want to do what's right from the beginning. It really makes life so much easier.
- Find yourself someone who wants to go to heaven with you.
- And with them, you want to agree to raise your children in the Lord.
- And then finally start now. Whatever situation you're in can always be that starting place.

THE CHALLENGE

So if you haven't decided how you want to live your life, you need to think long and hard on that. If you have decided and you want to put on your Lord and baptism, start walking that spiritual plane.

MY NOTES