

MONDAY

JUNE 18TH 2012 ROMANS 8:15-17

Paul is unpacking the idea of us all being God's children or how we are apart of God's family. The way we are apart of God's family is because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

- Have you ever noticed how families act the same? It sometimes is easy to see how someone's parents pass on their attitude or beliefs to their children. If we are in God's family what are some attributes we should have?
- Paul explains how we should not have a spirit of fear, but instead we should enjoy being in God's family. Is there anything you are afraid that knowing you are in God's family may seem less scary?

TUESDAY

JUNE 19TH 2012 PSALM 78:1-8

The Psalmist here is explaining how we are to pass on God's law to our families or ancestors. It is a reflection on how God wants our faith to pass down to the next generation

- Why do you think it is important for us, not just the pastor or prophet to pass down the faith to the next generation?
- V. 7 in the NRSV says we do this "so that they should set their hope in God." Why is it important for us to help the next generation set their hope in God?
- Is there anyone in your life that you begin to pray about sharing this hope with?

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 20TH 2012 MATTHEW 2:19-23

Here we see Joseph's obedience to the angel commands. Previously he has married Mary and fled to Egypt based on what an angel has told him. Joseph is an example of good father. By obeying God he protects Jesus.

- Is it hard to follow through when you hear God or the Holy Spirit telling you something?
- In Matthew Henry's commentary he says, "In all our (re)moves, it is good to see our way plain, and God going before us; we should not move either way or the other without order (from God)." Joseph had authentic faith when he obeyed God. Do you think that makes parenting decisions easier?

THURSDAY

JUNE 21ST 2012 Psalm 103:6-19

Psalm 103 is a Psalm of praise for God's goodness through the generations. It is so assuring that even though one day we will pass and leave our families for a little while that God will remain to take care of them.

- V. 13 in the NRSV says "God is like our father having compassion for those who fear Him." What are some ways we can keep God as a focus of our life?
- As a church what are some things we can do to help us continue to grow in our relationship with God? What are some ways we can empower others to see God and the compassion he has towards them?