

## FAMILY WORSHIP

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Today is the first Sunday of family month! This September, GCF South Metro Church aims to emphasize the value of worshipping the Lord as a family. We will hear testimonies from parents and children, there will be seminars focused on the family, there will be a time to bless the NEXTGEN, and we will culminate this family month by holding a family potbless fellowship! These significant activities are all geared towards empowering each household to worship the Lord our God as a family. So, to jumpstart our family month today, let me share the importance of family worship based on Deuteronomy 6:4- 9.

*<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." As the Israelites continued*

to advance in their journey towards the promised land, Moses gave a very important instruction. In this passage, Moses wanted to make sure of two (2) things. First, for the present generation to continue to worship God. And second, for the next generation to know God and His Word, so that they, too, would worship God.

Moses knew that the present generation was stubborn, and he feared that when they possessed the promised land, the next generation would also turn away from God like their fathers did. To ensure that the next generation would continue to know and worship the Lord their God, Moses knew that the best way was to preserve worship in every household. He commanded the present generation to obey God's Word, and to teach it to their children, to talk about them in their homes, and to put up necessary reminders. Moses knew that the best way to preserve the worship of the next generation was not in the venue of an assembly but in the homes of every family.

Today, we will all agree that the heavy influence of the world is too strong, capable of swaying the hearts of people towards ungodliness. As God's people, it is our responsibility to protect the present

generation and preserve the next generation of worshippers. The best way to do it is to ensure that worship (obedience to God's Word) and discipleship (teaching of God's Word) happen at home.

Church, let us not allow the world to influence us. Let us preserve our time of family worship!

Together, let us achieve this by helping one another for the glory of God! Here are some events that we have prepared for you for our Family Month celebration.

September 3, 2023  
**Family Month Launch**

September 17, 2023  
**Blessing the Children**

September 23, 2023  
**Intentional Discipleship in the Home by Pastor Tony Yeo**

September 24, 2023  
**Family Day Potbless**

Please visit our Family Month booth at the 2nd floor lobby for registration or inquiries regarding any of our events. Thank you! ✨