

September 6, 2026

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Stronger Families

August Series: Christ-Centered Relationships

Week Focus: Stronger Families

Scripture – Joshua 24:15 - *“But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”*

Devotional Reflection

This week began with a question: **What does your house stand for?** Joshua’s declaration reminded us that spiritual direction begins with intentional choice. Every household is being shaped by its priorities, habits, conversations, and decisions. A Christ-centered household does not require a perfect family. It requires people who are willing to make faithful choices that keep God at the center. And before Joshua spoke about his household, his declaration began personally: **“As for me...”**

We also discovered that our choices must become practices. What we repeatedly practice becomes normal, and what becomes normal helps shape the culture of our homes. Prayer, Scripture, gratitude, forgiveness, worship, service, and humility can have lasting influence when practiced consistently. The people closest to us should also experience evidence that Jesus is changing us. They should see our faith in the way we speak, apologize, forgive, love, and respond. We cannot choose Jesus for another person, but we can live a sincere faith before them. **Not perfection. Evidence. A faith worth following.**

When our households do not yet look like what we have prayed for, we can remain faithful without trying to control the outcome. Some family stories are still being written. Some prayers remain unanswered, relationships remain difficult, and people we love may make choices we wish we could change. But **an unfinished story is not automatically a failed story.** We can commit what we cannot control to God while remaining faithful with what He has entrusted to us. **Keep praying. Keep loving. Keep growing. Keep pointing toward Jesus.**

Today, do not allow **Stronger Families** to become simply another devotional week you completed. Carry the transformation forward. Decide what your house will stand for. Build spiritual rhythms that keep Christ at the center. Let your faith become visible at home, and trust God with every unfinished part of your family’s story. Stronger families are not built in one dramatic moment; **they are built through small, faithful decisions repeated over time.** Let it begin personally: **“As for me, Lord, I belong to You.”** Then continue building toward the declaration: **“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

Focus for Today

Transformation becomes legacy when it reaches your home.

Stronger families are built through small, faithful decisions that continually put God at the center.

Practice

Take time today to reflect on the entire week:

CHOICE — What does my house stand for?

What decision do I need to continue making intentionally?

CULTURE — What are we making normal?

What Christ-centered rhythm do I want to continue practicing?

TRANSFORMATION — Is my faith reaching home?

What evidence of Jesus' work in me do the people closest to me need to experience more consistently?

LEGACY — What am I leaving behind?

What do I want others to learn about following Jesus by watching my life?

FAITHFULNESS — What do I need to entrust to God?

What unfinished part of my family story do I need to stop trying to control?

Write down **one practice** from this week that you will continue next week.

Don't try to change everything at once.

Start small. Stay faithful. Keep God at the center.

Prayer

Father, thank You for everything You have shown me this week.

Thank You for reminding me that stronger families begin with surrendered people. Before I ask You to change anyone around me, continue Your transforming work in me.

Help me make choices that honor You. Let those choices become habits, and let those habits help create a Christ-centered culture in my household.

May the people closest to me experience evidence that Jesus is changing my life. Let them see greater patience, humility, forgiveness, grace, integrity, and faithfulness in me.

Help me live a faith worth following. May my life continually point beyond me toward Jesus.

And where my family story remains unfinished, teach me to trust You. Help me remain faithful with what You have entrusted to me and release what I cannot control into Your hands.

May what You transform in me become visible in my home.

May what becomes visible in my home influence those around me.

And may the faith I live today become part of a godly legacy tomorrow.

As for me, Lord, I belong to You.

And by Your grace, I declare:

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

For Your glory alone.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Final Reflection Question

After everything God has shown me this week, what is the one change, spiritual rhythm, or commitment I believe He is calling me to carry forward so that transformation continues reaching my home?