

# Sermon Series: Song of Us – Week 5

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**“Better than you imagined. Exactly what you were made for.”**



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## **Mother’s Day Message**

### **Introduction**

Parenting is one of the greatest responsibilities and privileges God gives to us. In a culture filled with competing voices, pressure, and distractions, parents can easily become overwhelmed trying to “get everything right.” But Scripture continually points us back to what matters most. God’s design for parenting is not built on perfection—it is built on faithfulness.

This Mother’s Day message centers on two foundational principles for parenting that have the power to shape not only a home, but generations. These principles remind us that the greatest influence we will ever have often happens in the ordinary rhythms of everyday life.

### **Principle #1: The Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Kids Is a Great Marriage**

One of the most powerful things parents can do for their children is cultivate a healthy, God-centered marriage. Children are deeply shaped by what they consistently see and experience in the home.

Genesis 2:24 says: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Marriage was established by God before parenting was ever introduced. This means the marriage relationship is foundational to the family structure.

Investing in your marriage is not a distraction from parenting—it is one of the greatest contributions to parenting. A strong marriage creates stability, security, and consistency for children.

Ephesians 5:31–32 reminds us that marriage reflects something greater than itself. Paul explains that the union between husband and wife points to the relationship between Christ and the Church. This means marriage is not merely practical—it is spiritual and deeply meaningful.

Psalm 127:1 says: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” A strong home is not built merely on effort, schedules, or good intentions. It must be built on God.

Psalm 127:3–5 reminds us that children are a heritage and reward from the Lord. Children are not interruptions to life—they are gifts entrusted to us by God. But arrows do not guide themselves. Parents are called to intentionally shape, direct, and release their children toward God’s purposes.

## **Principle #2: The Flame Gets Passed at the Table, Not at the Church**

While the church plays an important role in spiritual growth, the primary place where faith is formed is in the home. Parents are called to be the spiritual champions of their children.

Too often, parents outsource spiritual leadership to pastors, youth ministries, or Christian schools. But God’s design has always been for faith to be lived out daily within the family.

Deuteronomy 6:4–7, known as the Shema, says:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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.”

Notice the setting of discipleship in this passage—it happens during ordinary life. At the table. On walks. Before bed. In everyday conversations. Faith is not merely taught in formal lessons; it is caught through consistent example.

Your greatest spiritual impact on your children does not come from being perfect. It comes from being genuine—honest about your faith, your struggles, your repentance, and your dependence on God.

## **Application**

- Invest intentionally in your marriage—it creates stability and security for your children.
- Make your home a place where faith is discussed naturally and consistently.

- Lead spiritually through authenticity, not perfection.
- Prioritize time together around the table and in daily rhythms of life.
- Build your family on God's Word rather than cultural pressures or expectations.

## **Conclusion**

Parenting is not ultimately about raising successful children—it is about raising disciples who know and love God. And one of the greatest ways we do that is through a strong marriage and a faith-filled home.

The flame of faith is most powerfully passed from one generation to the next not through programs alone, but through everyday faithfulness lived out in the home.

Build your marriage. Lead your home. And trust God to shape the generations that follow.