

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2013**  
**Supernatural Parenting: Quality Family Time**

**Text:** James 4:14 NKJV ... *For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*

**Introduction:** Time is an unrenowable resource. Once it is gone; it is gone. We all sleep. We all work or produce something (hand to a plow). We all spend time eating. What else are we doing? Are we making an impact in people's lives? How about with our responsibility to train the next generation of Believers? Are you spending time with your family?

- ❖ God is a quality time type of guy.
  - He wants some time with just you
    - Psalm 91:1, **Matthew 6:6**, **Ps 27:4-5**, Ps 31:20 / Psalm 81:7
  - God gave His people access to Him at the Tabernacle Ex33:7-10
  - There were also Special Times He spent with them.
    - Moses 40 days in His presence. Ex 34:28
    - Jesus regularly spent special time with the Father. Mk 1:35
  - QUALITY TIME – As our Father, He loves us and enjoys being with us, but also desires that time for our benefit.
    - **It's a place of connection and reconnection.** Mark 1:35
    - **Provides comfort and security.** Ps 91:1
    - **Teaching takes places in His presence.** Ex 34:28
    - **Impartation is received and examples are set.** 2 Cor 3:18
- ❖ As a parent, grandparent, spiritual parent, mother and father in the House of God, – we have the responsibility to make sure we provide QUALITY Time to our children too. We have a DIVINE MANDATE to teach and train them. This requires TIME. Pro 22:6
  - **In our Homes** – Spending time just around your kids is a start. Look for and make opportunities to turn off the TV and talk.
    - FAMILY TIMES – Start regular time together like: Game Nights, Dinner, activities (Hiking, Shopping) DEVOTIONS
    - PRAY TOGETHER. (breakfast, B4 Bed, Phone, etc...)
  - **Covenant Meals...**
    - Jesus had covenant meals with those closest to Him. Lk 22
    - Families don't eat together anymore. We've let our lives get too busy. Everyone eats in their rooms or out separately.
      - **Make it a priority**... Stuff will always be there. Doesn't have to be every meal or every day but regularly.

- Ps 23:5 The table is spread for us and He's there... even when life is going crazy.
- **Give them Access to you.**
  - Heb 4:16 We can Boldly go to the Father
  - Show them they can come to you. Don't just shew them away. If not a good time, find out when you'll follow up.
  - **Be sensitive to the Holy Ghost.** Sometimes it may not be a good time for you... but NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME
- Take advantage of when they desire time with you.
  - The FATHER does Acts 10:9-16 He taught Peter, Acts 13 He imparted in to Paul and Barnabus
  - If it really is impossible then... make sure you SCHEDULE when you'll do it.
    - They will want to talk to you when you are TIRED... It may be the only chance to really establish a HEART connection. Take advantage of it, when you can.
    - The FATHER loves your kids, Listen to His leading .
- Big Brother Time – It's ok for the whole Family to be together. Mark 4:33-34. Time together provides a place to learn and grow.
  - NOTE: When they were together teaching happened and explanation occurred
  - Jesus was training His Disciples... We are too.
  - They can even learn from their siblings.
- ❖ Other concerns.
  - But they don't want to spend time with me.
    - Stay patient. Relax. Keep extending the offer.
    - Forcing time with older TEENS that hasn't been established may not be effective...
    - Stay steady, show yourself available and go out of your way to make yourself available. It may mean going shopping
    - Establish the times together when there are young. Expectations of devotion times, prayer, meals, family activities. Create the culture of Family time.
  - My Family is all grown
    - Call them a say hello. Pray for them and opportunities to re-connect and rekindle relationship.
    - Don't offer advice unless asked.
  - Look for other IMPORTANT key priority relationships in your life.
    - Establish quality time with them.
    - We need one another.