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WHATEVER EVERYTHING YOUR FAMILY

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"YOUR FAMILY"

Pastor Nate Sickler

We tend to mentally put God a _____ above us.

The Truth is He's always so much closer and more _____ than that.

If you want real Life in each area of your life, you have to invite real Life into each area of your life. As in, "Whatevereverything."

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." ([Colossians 3:17](#))

Our _____ and _____ spring from our thinking. ([Col. 3:1-3](#))

What do families that think God's way do and say? ([Col. 3:18-21](#))

Paul calls us to _____ because he is calling us to _____.
(Note [Ephesians 5:21](#))

Biblical love = _____ the _____ of
the other. ([1 John 4:10](#); [Romans 5:8](#))

Notice that the exercise of _____ is entirely _____ from
Paul's call to families.

As we exercise love and nurture our families, close-fisted
"_____" can transform into open-handed
"_____" and this changes _____!

For Jesus followers, marriage is not about _____,
but about the _____ at work within us enabling
loving words and actions.

In a Jesus-centered family, authoritarian leadership is _____
by loving _____.

What could be different if you “Whateverything” with Jesus?:

- You would reflect on the _____ in the mirror not the person next to you.
- You would carefully examine the _____ behind your feelings.
- You would pursue _____ through the love of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit ([Romans 8:11a](#)).

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What has been one of your favorite family memories this summer? What made it special?

1. Pastor Nate shared that, “Biblical love is choosing the highest good of the other.” How have you seen people demonstrate this in your life?
2. Jesus performed the ultimate act of love. Read [1 John 4:10](#). What mentality do you think He had to have in order to go through sacrifice on this level? What do you think it looks like to follow His example?
3. Read [Colossians 3:18-21](#). How do these expectations create a loving and nurturing environment in a family?
4. Read [Ephesians 5:21](#). Pastor Nate notes that “Paul calls us to submit because he is calling us to love.” Now go back to [Colossians 3:18-21](#). How is “submission” a key component of each of these verses?
5. At the end of the message, Pastor Nate shared that we should pursue unity in our families through the love of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. What is one way that you can actively invite the Holy Spirit into your family life? How can we support one another in doing this?

Day One: [Matthew 8](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 8](#)

Day Three: [Romans 8](#)

Day Four: [2 Thessalonians 3](#)

Day Five: [Job 8](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE

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We tend to mentally put God a thousand feet above us.

The Truth is He's always so much closer and more personal than that.

If you want real Life in each area of your life, you have to invite real Life into each area of your life. As in, "Whatever."

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Our doing and saying spring from our thinking. ([Col. 3:1-3](#))

What do families that think God's way do and say? ([Col. 3:18-21](#))

Paul calls us to submit because he is calling us to love. (Note [Ephesians 5:21](#))

Biblical love = choosing the highest good of the other. ([1 John 4:10](#); [Romans 5:8](#))

Notice that the exercise of power is entirely absent from Paul's call to families.

As we exercise love and nurture our families, close-fisted "whatever's" can transform into open-handed "whatever's" and this changes everything!

For Jesus followers, marriage is not about problems of power, but about the power of Christ at work within us enabling loving words and actions.

In a Jesus-centered family, authoritarian leadership is conquered by loving servanthood.

What could be different if you “Whateverything” with Jesus?:

- You would reflect on the person in the mirror not the person next to you.
- You would carefully examine the why behind your feelings.
- You would pursue unity through the love of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11a).

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