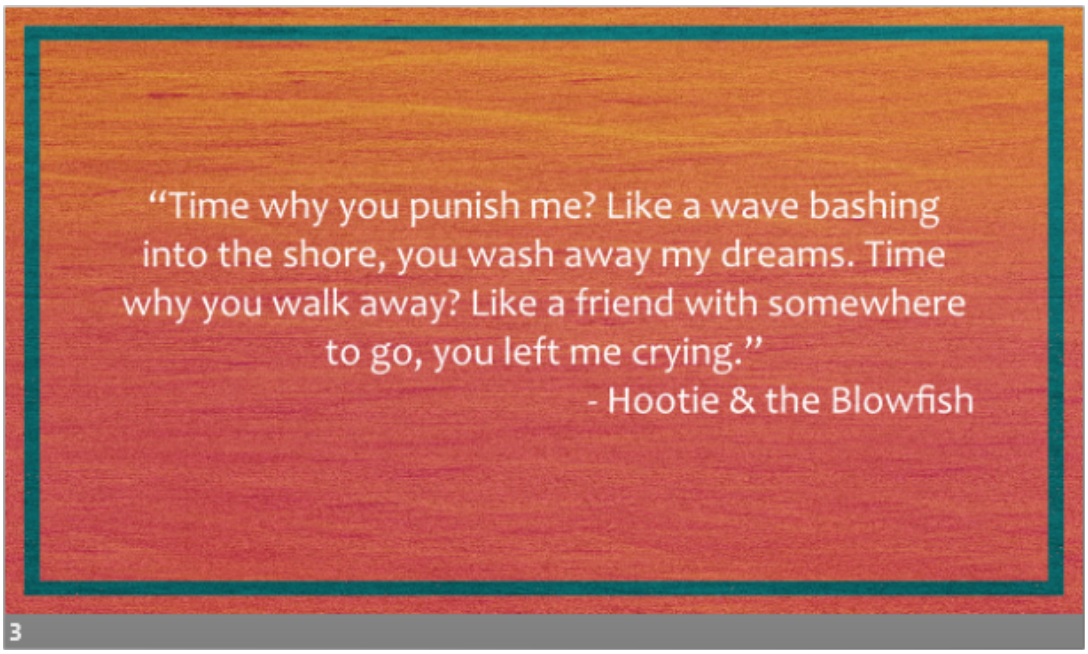
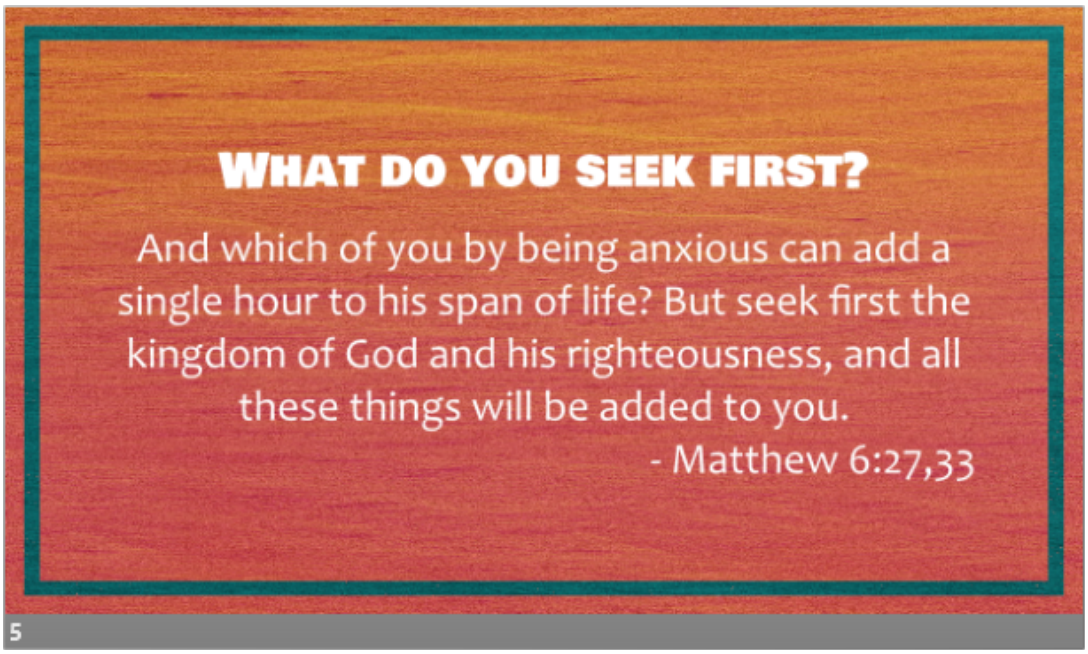
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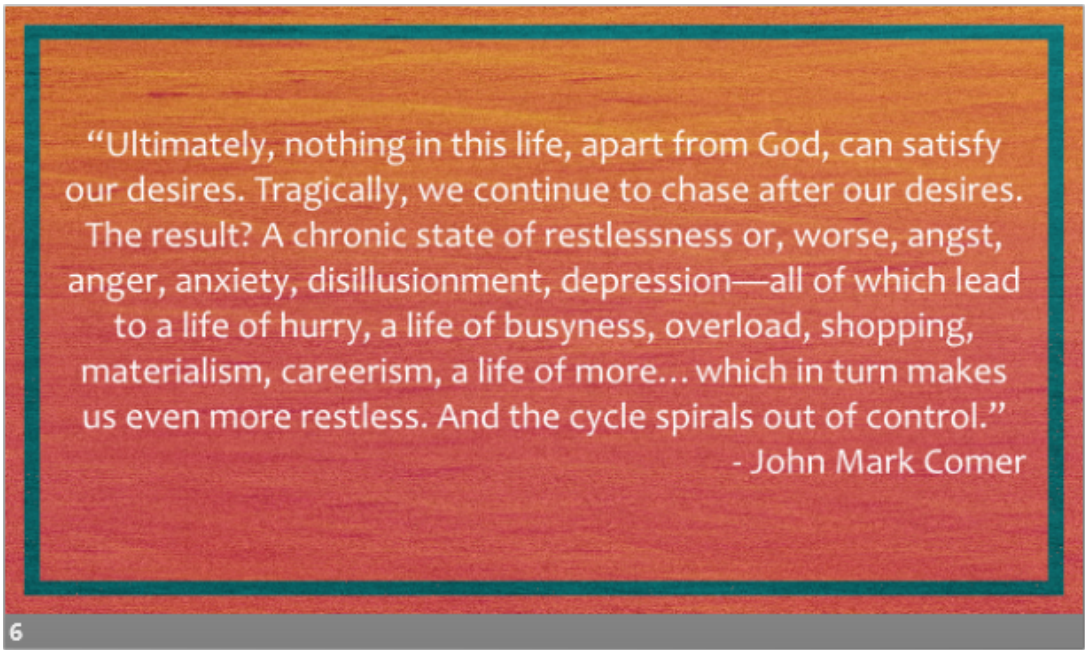


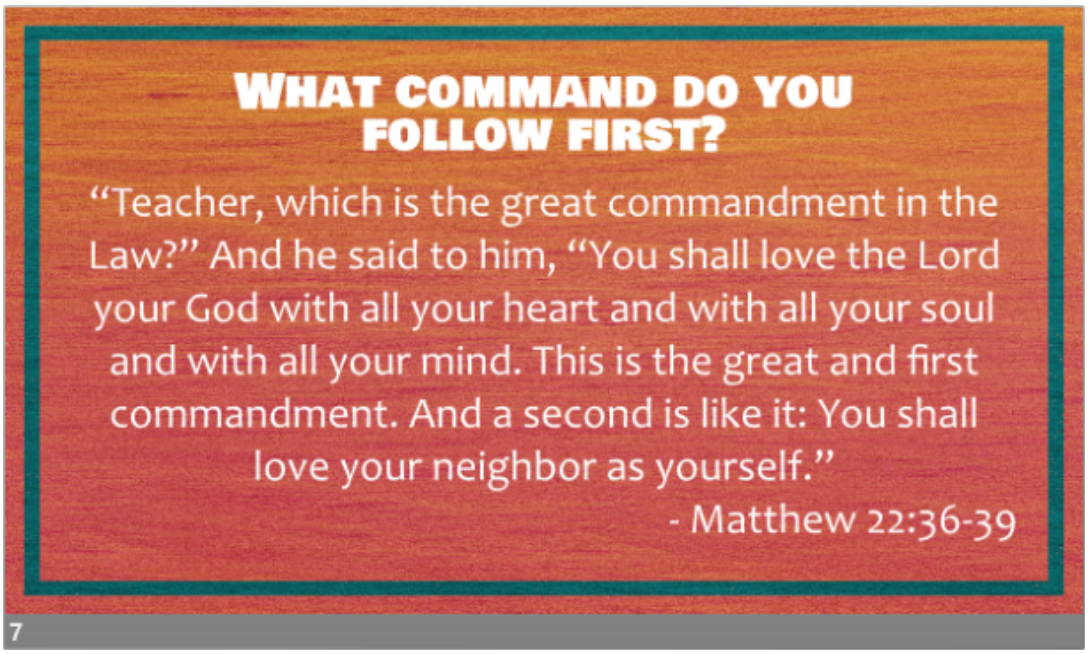


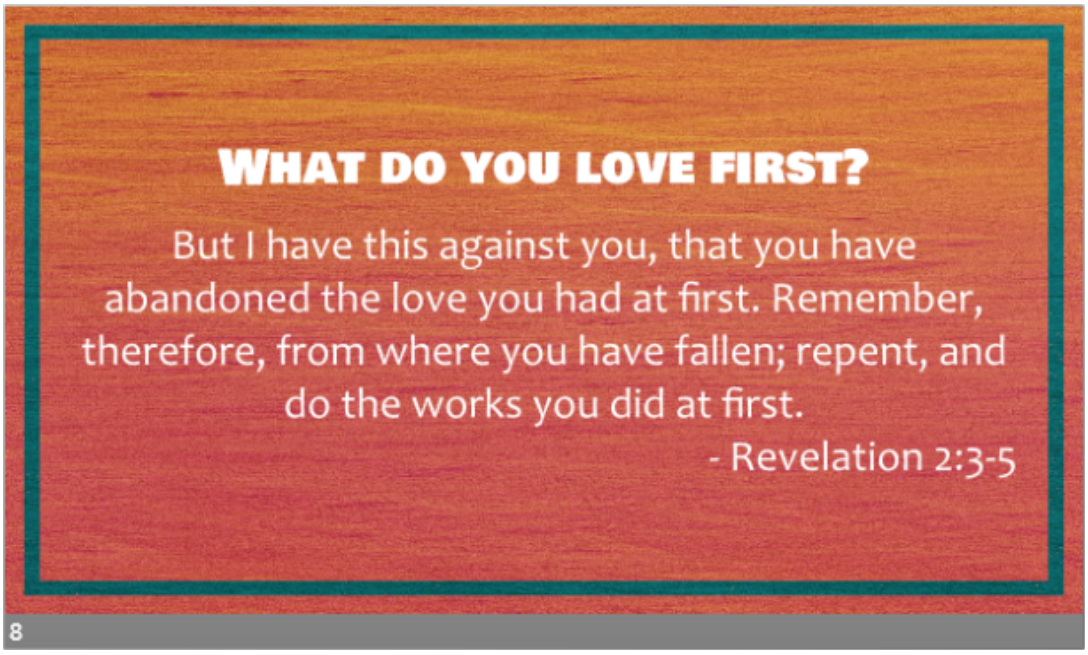

"Time why you punish me? Like a wave bashing into the shore, you wash away my dreams. Time why you walk away? Like a friend with somewhere to go, you left me crying."
- Hootie & the Blowfish
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FIRST THINGS FIRST
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WHAT DO YOU SEEK FIRST?
And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- Matthew 6:27,33
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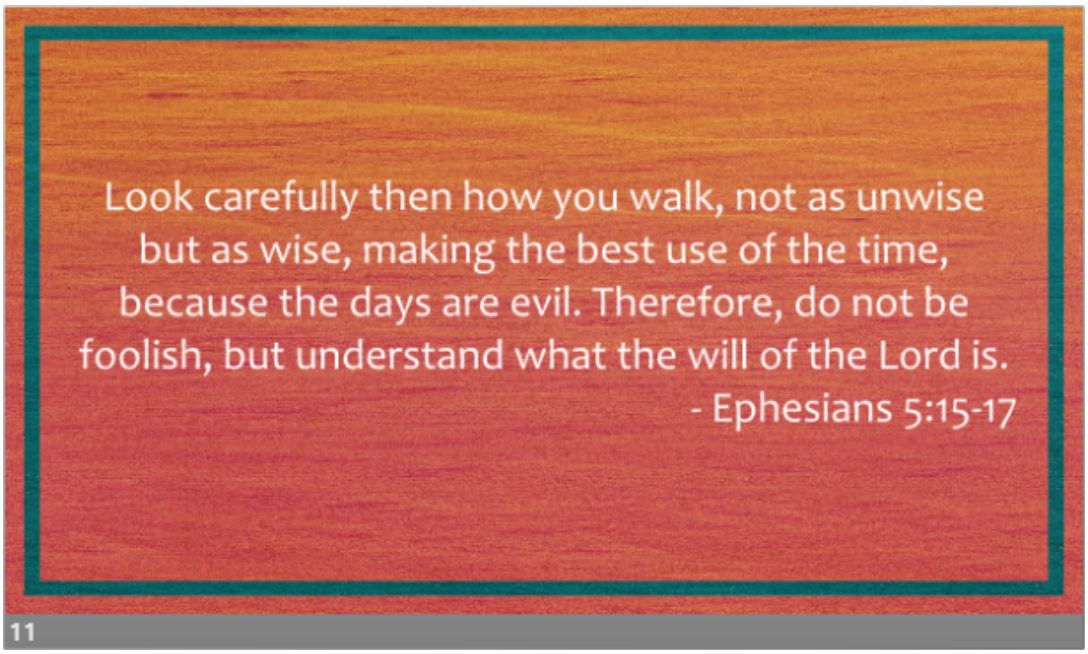

"Ultimately, nothing in this life, apart from God, can satisfy our desires. Tragically, we continue to chase after our desires. The result? A chronic state of restlessness or, worse, angst, anger, anxiety, disillusionment, depression—all of which lead to a life of hurry, a life of busyness, overload, shopping, materialism, careerism, a life of more… which in turn makes us even more restless. And the cycle spirals out of control."
- John Mark Comer
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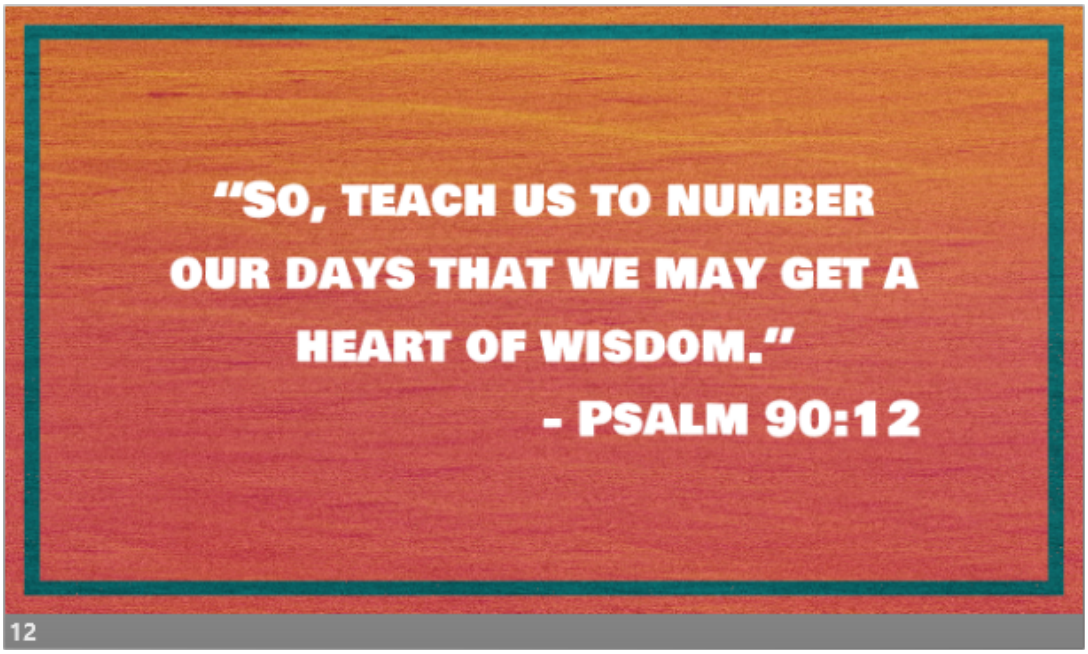

WHAT COMMAND DO YOU FOLLOW FIRST?
"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- Matthew 22:36-39
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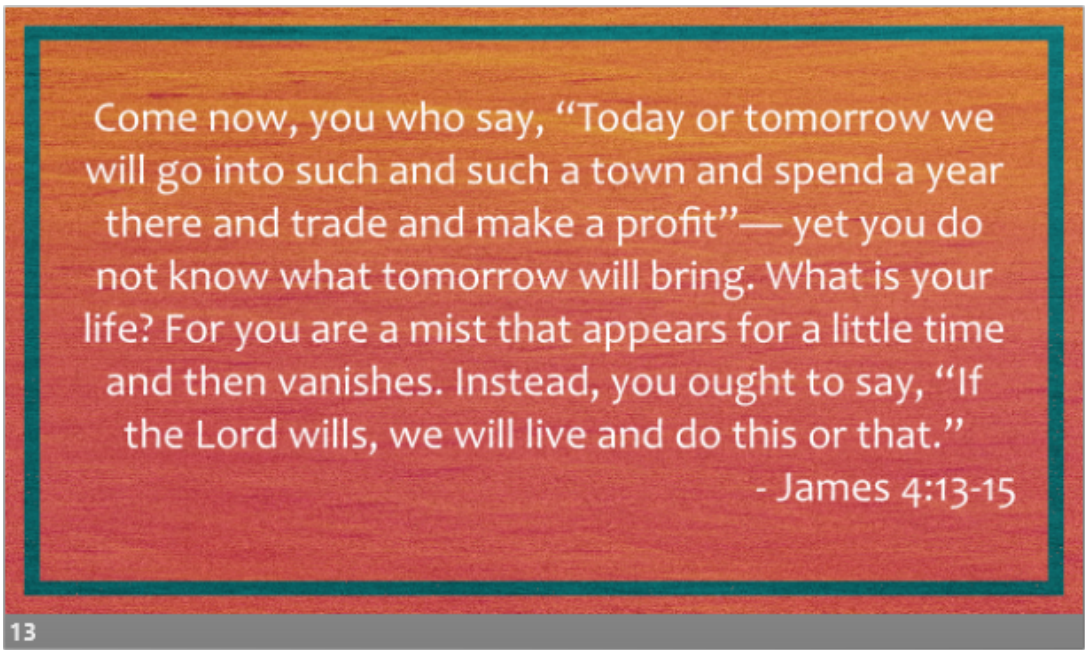

WHAT DO YOU LOVE FIRST?
But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.
- Revelation 2:3-5
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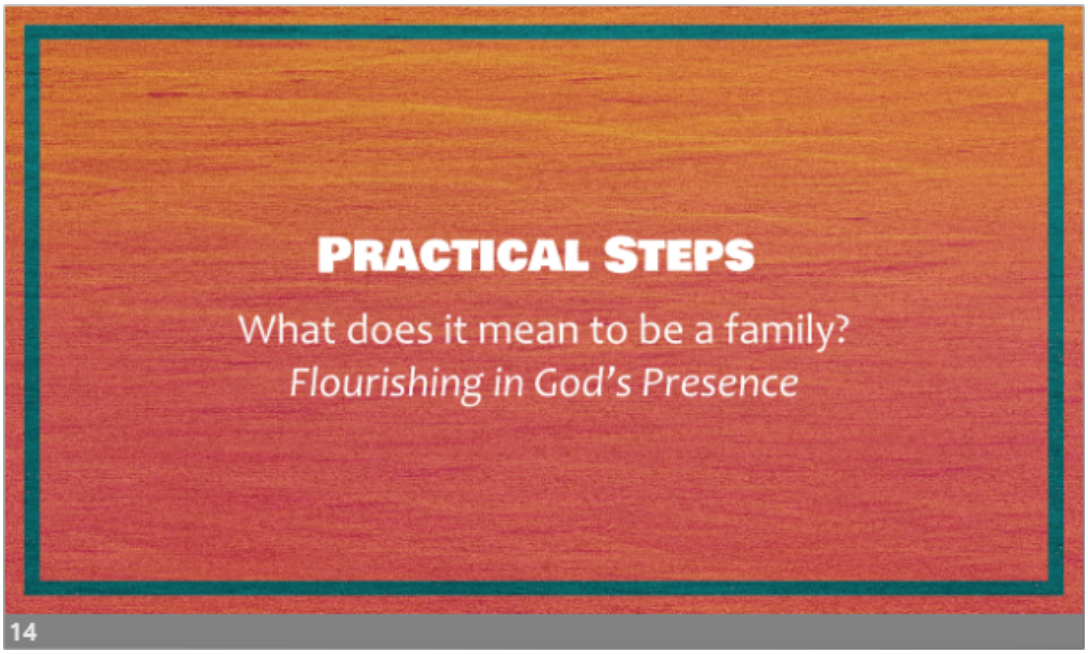

Rhythm
OF LIFE
A PREDETERMINED PATTERN OF LIFE.
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"IF THE DEVIL CAN'T MAKE YOU SIN, HE'LL MAKE YOU BUSY."
- CORRIE TEN BOOM
10


Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- Ephesians 5:15-17
11


"SO, TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS THAT WE MAY GET A HEART OF WISDOM."
- PSALM 90:12
12


Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."
- James 4:13-15
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PRACTICAL STEPS
What does it mean to be a family?
Flourishing in God's Presence
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"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

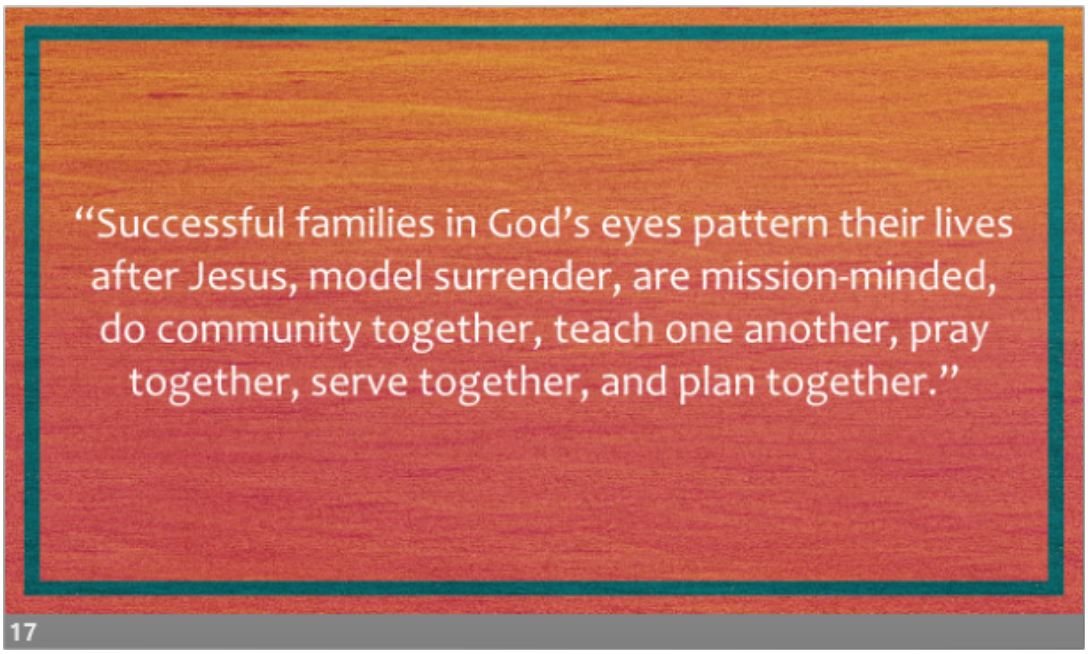
- Matthew 10:37-42

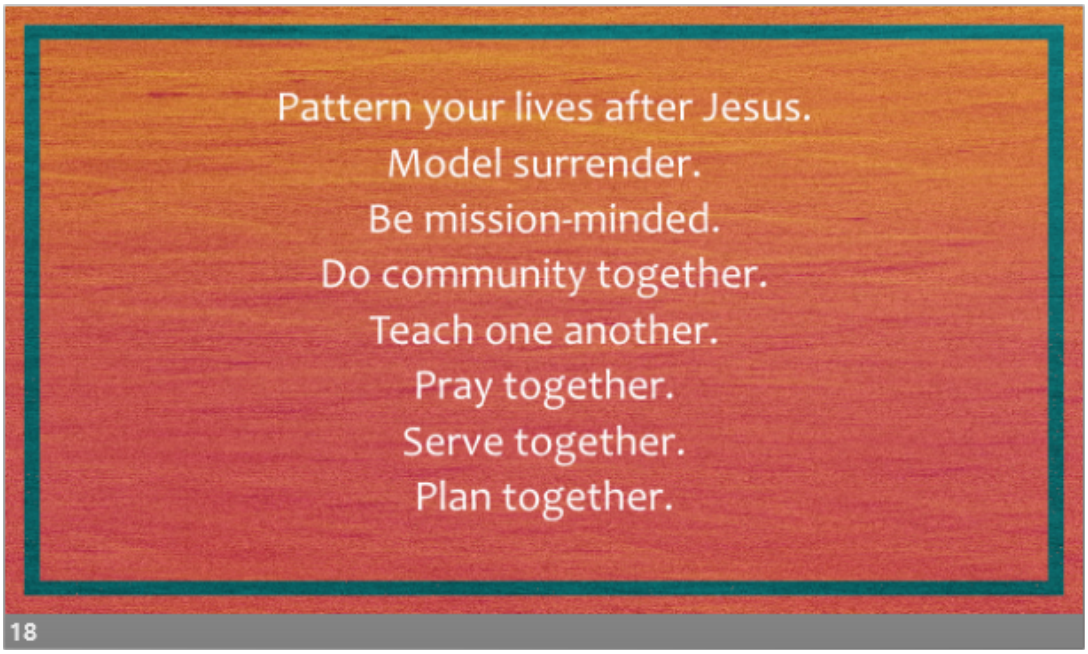
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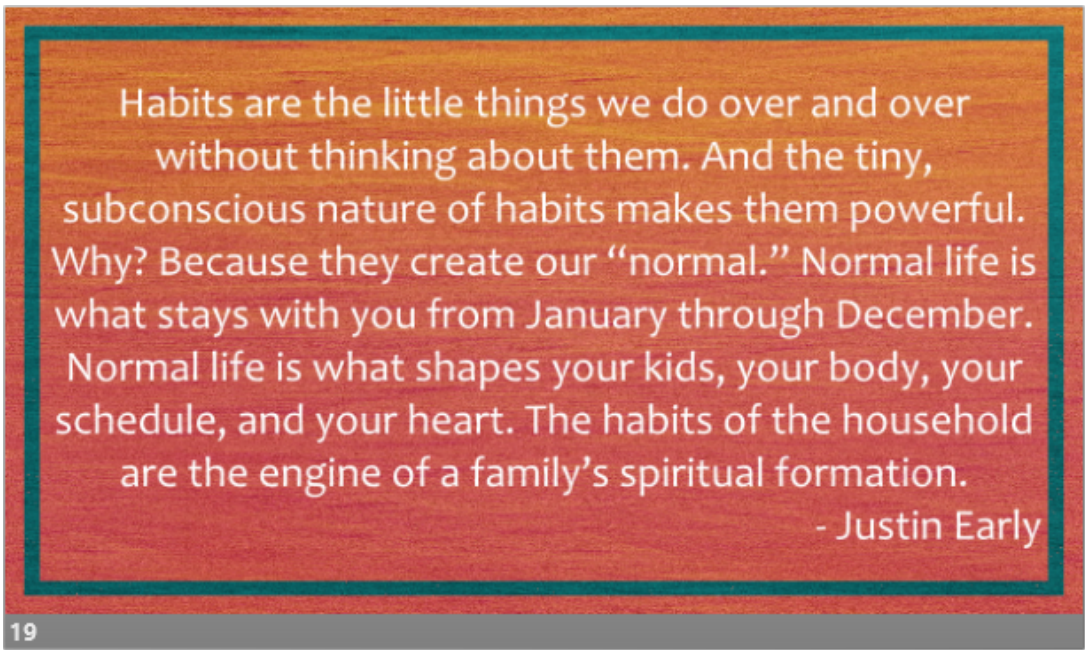
"THERE IS SPECIAL SOIL FOR THIS."



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"Successful families in God's eyes pattern their lives after Jesus, model surrender, are mission-minded, do community together, teach one another, pray together, serve together, and plan together."
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Pattern your lives after Jesus.
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Be mission-minded.
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Pray together.
Serve together.
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Habits are the little things we do over and over without thinking about them. And the tiny, subconscious nature of habits makes them powerful. Why? Because they create our "normal." Normal life is what stays with you from January through December. Normal life is what shapes your kids, your body, your schedule, and your heart. The habits of the household are the engine of a family's spiritual formation.
- Justin Early
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