**Hope at Home**

**Pastor Online Devotion #1**

Philippians 2:1-4

**The Point:** Families that love and serve one another will build future generations of people who will continue to love and serve others.

**Motivation: Charity Should Begin at Home**

Read Philippians 2:1-4. There seems to be a growing belief among people that they are owed something. There is a sense of entitlement among people, which often leads them to focus more on self than on those around them. Selfishness and is nothing new. The flesh will almost always choose selfishness over selflessness.

According to the Apostle Paul, we are to **do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. Still, in humility**, we are to **count others more significant** than our own selves (Philippians 2:3). It's not that we are to neglect our individual needs completely, but instead, we are to consider the needs of others first. If this is the way that we are to live as believers, then surely it should start at home and within our own families!

* How can we serve at home while in our current situation?

**Examination: We Must Pass on the Faith**

The Bible gives parents specific instructions on how to bring up their children and to pass on their faith to the next generation. As you define your family, we have an excellent opportunity to help the next generation know and serve our Heavenly Father. Passing on the faith includes teaching our children to be compassionate, kind, loving, and to help others.

Deuteronomy 6 teaches that parents and the home are to be the primary source and place of Biblical instruction. Parents are to know and keep God's guidance close to them. It is to be in our **hearts**. As parents, we are to **teach them diligently to** our **children, and talk of them** as we go throughout our day. This passage gives us a clear picture of our responsibility as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, or any other influential adult to pass on our faith to our children.

* How can we model love and service for others?

**Application: We Can Leave A Legacy of Love and Service**

Passing on our faith to the next generation is essential to not only teach and tell others what to do but to lead by example. In the gospels, Jesus gives us a great model to follow. He called the disciples and began to teach them about the Kingdom of God. As they learned what it meant to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God, they also learned to love, serve, and minister to others.

In Mark 5, Jesus cast out a demon and raised Jarius' daughter. This is just one example of how Jesus ministered and cared for those He encountered. Jesus not only taught the disciples to serve, but led them to minister to others, and He was with them to encourage and instruct them. Finally, Jesus sent them out on their own and when they returned rejoicing, He told them to go and teach others to do the same.

* How can our actions be ignited and sustained by the Hope we have inside of us?

**Takeaway: Bringing Hope to Your Home**

If we are to leave a legacy and build a new generation of servants, the model that Jesus used to prepare his disciples is a great model for us to use as well.

* What are you doing to build a legacy of service among future generations?
* Are you pouring into your children, grandchildren, and the others that God has given you the privilege to influence for Him?
* Are you teaching them, showing them, and even serving alongside them?
* What should you do today, this week, and also this month to help build this legacy of serving?