

Sermon for August 26/27, 2023



SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. We begin next week with a new series called **BREAKING POINT** that looks at five stories of major meltdowns in the Bible. There's hope in their stories—and hope in yours too. Plan to join us next weekend. Locations and links at adabible.org.

GROUP VALUES. This August, we're focusing on the value of an invitation. One way to invest in others is to **INVITE** them to attend church with you. Who can you invite to attend church with you this coming week?

GROW AS A LEADER. Make sure to check out the **LEADER'S FACEBOOK PAGE** if you haven't lately. It's a great place to stay informed about what's going on around Ada Bible Church and in small groups. Connect with us at facebook.com/groups/adasmallgroupleaders.

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the final week of our sermon series, [HELPING WITHOUT HURTING](#). This week, we look at what it means to care for our families.

What is one of your favorite family memories?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read [1 Timothy 5:3-8](#) aloud.

What stands out to you most in this passage?

What does Paul mean by "proper recognition" in 1 Timothy 5:3?

Paul says that someone who does not provide for their relatives is worse than an unbeliever. Why would Paul say this?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Jeff Manion concludes our series by looking again at the story of Ruth and Paul's letter to Timothy. As a group, name his main points.

Which part of the sermon most encouraged or challenged you, and why?

Providing for one's own family is an example of faith at work. Where have you seen someone live this out well?

When it comes to caring for the needs of others, family is the first line of defense. How can this principle apply to our efforts in caring for others?

Jesus applied the fifth commandment to "Honor your father and your mother" to adult children and their parents ([Exodus 20:12](#)). What could it look like to honor your parents in your current season of life?

What is one aspect of honoring your parents that you find challenging?

Paul says caring for the needs of one's parents is pleasing to God ([1 Timothy 5:4](#)). If you have an example, share about a time you helped a parent or another family member and how you sensed it pleased God.

One of the overarching points of this sermon series is that the best help we can give others is to encourage their efforts to provide for themselves and others. How can this practice shape how you help others moving forward?

Is there anything else about the sermon you wanted to talk about?

WRAP UP

We talked today about the value of work and caring for one's family. What is your biggest takeaway from our discussion today?