

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a chisel, carving a piece of light-colored stone. The chisel is positioned vertically, and the stone is being carved into a curved shape. The background is dark and out of focus.

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DEVO WEEK 3

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## WEEK 3 DEVO HONOR FAMILY

### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

**If someone asked you these questions; how would you respond?**

- My family was a mess. Do you think it is wise for me to get married?
- With the world as it is, do you think it is responsible to have Children?

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

**Take some time to pray for all the leaders in the JW Family Team.**

- Anne Brooks, Family Pastor
- Danielle Johnson, Preschool & Nursery Director
- Ethan Martin, Family Team Admin
- Grace Subiaga, Middle School Pastor
- Hailey Martin, Elementary Ministry Director
- Jordan Hurlburt, High School Pastor
- Nicole Dorwin, Preschool Team Leader
- Tauna Stibor, Families Care Associate

**Pray for the volunteers who minister to our families each week.**

**Ask God if you should volunteer in JW Kids and/or JW Students.**

**Take time to pray for members of your family.**

### THE CHRISTIAN COVENANT OF MARRIAGE

We Believe the Christian Covenant of Marriage, by which one man and one woman establish a lifelong union for the protection and wellbeing of the spouses, and the procreation and bringing up of offspring in a godly manner, is to be honored as holy. This covenant should only be entered into by two professing followers of Jesus Christ. This is a binding covenant between the man, the woman, and God.

Jacob's Well Church believes that the Bible clearly instructs that sexual activity is to be enjoyed exclusively between a man and a woman that have been joined together in holy matrimony. All other sexual activity violates the biblical standard for Christians.

This covenant may only be broken in the extreme cases of marital infidelity, abuse, or abandonment. The spouse who was abused, abandoned, or treated with infidelity is free from the obligation of the covenant. However, on occasion, reconciliation may be possible even after times of deep hurt and betrayal. Divorce is a painful experience, and those who go through divorce will be loved and supported as they seek the Lord for healing and forgiveness to live a whole and healthy life.

We acknowledge and celebrate that some are called to singleness for a season or for their entire life. The calling to singleness is a call to celibacy and considered a gift from God.

**What are your thoughts, questions & concerns about this statement.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The scriptures this week are taken from our Statement of Faith under the article: The Christian Covenant of Marriage.

**As you read this week's scriptures think about what they teach about the roles of marriage, parenting, singleness and family in general.**

### **DAY ONE**

Exodus 20:12, Exodus 20:17, Romans 13:9-10

- How can you honor your parents even if they were not perfect?
- How can we as a church honor parenting in general?

### **DAY TWO**

Galatians 5:18-26

- How does life in the Spirit make the law unnecessary?
- How is love inconsistent with sexual immorality?

### **DAY THREE**

Genesis 1:26-28

- What does this verse say about the importance of marriage and family?

### **DAY FOUR**

Colossians 3:18-21

- What stands out to you from this passage?

### **DAY FIVE**

Leviticus 18:1-30, Matthew 5:27-32

- What changes if we make sexual Immorality an issue of the heart and not just an outward act?

### **DAY SIX**

I Corinthians 6:9-11, I Timothy 1:8-11, Jude 1:3-4

- Read again the Christian Covenant of Marriage.
- How would you define sexual immorality?

## THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

In one paragraph describe what it was like growing up in your family. What was hard, and what was positive? If you are in a group, allow time for each person to take a few minutes to describe the family in which they grew up.

- Do you have a Philosophy of Family? What is it?
- If you are a parent, how well are you partnering with JW Families?
- Which of the tools offered by JW Families do you find most helpful?

## FOR GROUP LEADERS

1. Take time before group to look over the devotions and the questions.
2. Open the group with prayer, asking God to give everyone a spirit of openness and humility.
3. Begin by asking everyone who is willing to share a little about the family in which they grew up.
4. Read: Genesis 1:26-28, Exodus 20:12 Matthew 5:27-32
5. Read the Christian Covenant of Marriage
  - What is challenging to you about this statement?
  - What is challenging to our church in our current culture and environment?
  - Consider asking any of the other questions for this weeks devotional guide.
6. What do you think the church means when we say, "We want to equip parents to be the Spiritual Champions in their kids' lives"
7. Take time to pray for our Family Team and ask God if He would have anyone begin to serve in JW Kids or JW Students?

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