

Keeping your family under the waterfall of God's friendship and favour

Many countries are experiencing heatwave with varying degrees of consequences. Raging infernos, drought damaged harvests, and fatal heatstroke make the headlines. Many seek solace in cool rivers and sea waters which carry their own risks.

As we go through so many heatwaves of life, we all can find comfort in the never running dry waterfall of God's care and love.

Let us consider some of the ways we can keep our families comforted under the Devine grace of God.

- ❑ Be mindful not to fill your life with activities to the point of losing connection with each other and with God. Remember that God's order is first to "BE WITH HIM, and then TO DO..." (Mark 3:13-15)
- ❑ Keep pride at bay by first removing the baby talk of: "I will never do..." That which you think you could never do could become your worst nightmare. Never boast in your strength. Always keep your heart open to God and acknowledge your continual need of Him. (John 15:5; Proverbs 3:5-6)
- ❑ Do not keep secrets with your spouse. It will drive a wedge between you and your spouse and sow sour seeds in your family. (1 Peter 5:5; Ephesians 4:25)
- ❑ Learn to cover for each other. Not a cover-up, but to protect, defend and promote healing for your spouse and family members. (1 Peter 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- ❑ Walk in the redemptive love of God. Embrace the truth of God and experience His grace. (1 Peter 1:22-23)
- ❑ The fear of God isn't being in dread of God, but to view sin the same way that God sees it. Sin is participating with something that is not congruent with God and His ordained identity for you. (1 Peter 1:13-19; John 4:24)
- ❑ Remind yourselves constantly that "God we need you." Your marriage and family is nothing without God. (Psalm 127:1-2; John 15:5; Matthew 16:18)
- ❑ Sink yourselves into growing into the knowledge of the nature and character of God. God's grace is more than enough for you. (2 Peter 3:18)
- ❑ Remember that what you have done is different from who you are. (1 Peter 2:9; Romans 6:13-14)
- ❑ Peace in your heart is the presence of Jesus the Prince of Peace. It is not the absence of pain or disappointment. (Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27; John 16:33)
- ❑ Behaviour modification only last for a season. Heart transformation gives us effortless victory. (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

Lots of love,

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