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Families shape individual identity, provide a safe and secure environment for growth, and help nurture faith. Unfortunately, families can also disfigure an individual's identity through a distorted reality by exposing members to dangerous environments which destroy faith. Where the family is supposed to be a haven, sometimes the best and safest move is step away from that family. Saul's son, Jonathan, pivoted away from his family and by doing so, stepped into righteousness.

The first King of Israel was Saul, and his son, Jonathan, was heir to the throne. This man was gifted, godly and full of goodness. We remember Jonathan for two events that defined his character. First, he was loyal to David, defending his honor even before his father (1 Sam. 20:32-34). Not only was he willing to protect David, but he was just as free to sacrifice his future spot on the throne to serve under David's rule (1 Sam. 23:17). Secondly, Jonathan ate honey against his father's commands (1 Sam. 14:24-30). Not only had Jonathan violated the king's edict, but he called out his father's own foolishness for the imposed mandate (1 Sam. 14:29-30).

Jonathan demonstrated an ability to differentiate himself from his family or his father, exercising a skill many people lack.

Psychologists tell us that most family dynamics hold the extremes. On one side families are enmeshed with each other by living in the "too much." The unit is so tightly woven that individuals lose their own identity to the larger family. No one is allowed to make their own decisions or to speak with their own voice. If a child is sick, then everyone has to be present for support. Your business is everyone's business.

On the other side families are disengaged with each other by living in the "not enough." They don't have enough time for each other. Long dry spells where members fail to speak to each other occur. When they do speak, it quickly escalates into shouting matches. Decisions are made without consideration for the larger family. If someone in the family unit is sick, no one else will know about it. And even if people did know, they don't care about the family enough to show concern. Everyone is on their own.

Somewhere in the middle, between this "too much" and "not enough," is the person and/or family that is able to differentiate between enmeshment and disengagement. They fit into the family unit without sacrificing their individual identity. They understand their place in the family without infringing on their own vision and dreams for themselves. As time changes and people mature, so is the willingness to allow roles in the family to grow and develop as well.

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Prayer Requests

Teresa Evans (Sharon Gampps Niece)

Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Jeff Hayward Please pray his back pain will ease as he awaits treatment.

Peggy Hollback Continue prayers for her health to improve and God's blessings on her.

Gene Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Dad) Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Norm McGinnis Please pray for him to regain strength after a recent hospital stay.

Janine Morris Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Margaret Reed Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home from successful surgery and continues with treatment.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please pray for strength and courage as she goes through chemo. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.

Please remember all the families that are suffering with Covid in need of healing, and for protection for all of the caretakers.

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room#535

Esther & Gene Crisp Riverbend Room#123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room#213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10



**ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the f8oyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session:



WELCOME TO SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

We invite you to join us for Online Services.

Sunday Morning @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM
Wednesday Eve. @ 7:30 PM

All Services will be held Online
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**Bob Havens, Our Dear Friend and Brother has passed away.**

**We extend our love and sympathy to Rose and all of his Family and many Friends.**

**Please keep them in your prayers. We all loved Bob and will miss him very much at Sunshine.**  
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We extend our deepest sympathy to the Family & Friends of Mike Lewis May God give peace and comfort to all.
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**We still have a few "Blessing Bags" available on a table in the front entrance to be given to someone in need. Please feel free to pick them up to give away to anyone that it could help.**  
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"Why Do You Talk So Much About Jesus"

An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him.

"Why do you talk so much about Jesus?" Asked a friend.

The chief did not reply, but slowly, deliberately gathered some sticks and bits of grass. He made a circle of them. In the circle placed a caterpillar. Still silent, he struck a match, he lit the sticks and grass. They watched the caterpillar. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around, seeking a way of escape. As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could.

Its help could only come from above. Then the chief stooped down. He extended his finger to the caterpillar, which crawled up his finger to safety.

"That" said the chief, "was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin. My condition was hopeless. I was trapped. Then the Lord Jesus stooped down in love and mercy, and He drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but love Him and talk of His wondrous love and care?"

Jesus died on our behalf (Romans 5:6-11)

He intercedes for us (Romans 8:34)

The blood of Christ makes us safe (Ephesians 1:7)

The Word of God makes us sure.

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble...

Family Bible Time

Dec.06 Lesson 411

Esther 7-10

Dec.09 Lesson 412

Ezra 7-10

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	12/06/2020	12/13/2020	12/20/2020
Welcome	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray
Midservice Prayer			
Communion			
Reading			
Closing Prayer			
Sunday Evening	12/06/2020	12/13/2020	12/20/2020
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Reading			
Communion			
Assist			
Prayer			
Wed. Evening	12/09/2020	12/16/2020	12/23/2020
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Prayer			



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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While it's nearly impossible to impose psychology on people or families in the Bible – we usually don't have enough information – it's clear that Jonathan was anything but enmeshed with his father. He was able to separate himself from the paternal negative influence, while seemingly able to maintain a healthy relationship with him. While he never burned his bridges to Saul, he never blindly followed because he was the King or his father. Where he needed to, he challenged his father in his motive with David or in endangering the men around him in battle.

Jonathan models something for us in our families and in our church families. Healthy relationships means we can lean on each other and know that we have the physical, emotional and spiritual support needed to survive a difficult world. We also have the confidence to be ourselves by choosing what is right.

Most families and church families struggle to reach that balance. A lack of trust leads to control issues, rule-making and discouraging any form of free thinking because it's viewed as a threat. Or in the other extreme boundaries are violated on a regular basis so as no one is emotionally invested in anyone anymore. Neither places are healthy for families or for church families.

Maybe we should take our cues from God and Jesus. Look at the relationship between the two and the freedom with the connection they held together. Then look at the way they related to humanity. They care enough to call and chase after humanity, even pleading for us to come back to them. But they never use guilt, coercion or manipulation to dictate the relationship. They always allowed free choice to drive the relationship. Always. It's harder. It's messier. But it lies somewhere between "too much" and "not enough."

Soli Deo Gloria!
(i.e., only God is glorified!)



Somewhere Between "Too Much" & "Not Enough"

By Jon Partlow

Have a wonderful day!