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| **SERIES** | Let's Talk About |
| **BIBLE** | Luke 2:41-52 |
| **TITLE** | Let's Talk About Your Family |
| **OVERVIEW** | The past is not the past; what happened then impacts your present. Your family of origin marked you deeply and set relational expectations and patterns into motion more than any other factor in your life. However, in God’s family we get re-parented by a loving Father and re-programed in our relational patterns and responses when Jesus takes over. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **Jesus' earthly family had regular rhythms and traditions that marked him.** (vs. 41-42)  **Still, Jesus chose to be more formed by his heavenly Father than his biological mother and step-father.** (vs. 43-49)  **At the same time, Jesus honored his (step)father and mother.** (vs. 50-52)  **Supporting examples:**   * GENERATIONAL CYCLES = Abraham (lied twice about Sarah) --> Isaac and Rebecca's marriage characterized by lies --> Jacob lied to almost everyone --> Ten of Jacob's sons lied about Joseph's death, kept a "family secret" for more than 10 years.   + Joseph grieved the pain, brokenness, and loss of his family. (Gen. 45:1-2)   + Joseph examined the life script handed to him by his family and rewrote his script according to Scripture (Genesis 45:5-8)   + Joseph knew that from his darkest brokenness could come the greatest blessing for others. (Gen. 50:20) * Like God took the Israelites out of Egypt, he takes us from darkness to light when we become part of his family. However, just the Israelites still carried a lot of Egypt in them, we, too, carry a lot of our family of origin in us. God wants to re-parent us.   + "Discipleship, then, is putting off the sinful patterns and habits of our biological families and being transformed to live as member's of Christ's family." - Pete Scazzero * Matthew 10:37 - Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. * Mark 3:33-35 - And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” |
| **GOSPEL** | We are adopted into the family of God through Jesus. This is not an adoption of a set of beliefs; it's a change in *relationships*. Ultimately, who and what we love drives our beliefs. When we *experience* relationship with God as Father, Jesus as Brother, and the Holy Spirit as our Helper, we are dramatically changed from the inside-out. This is what heals our deepest wounds and makes them into blessings for others. This is how God can make our worst misery our greatest ministry. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Jesus wants to give you a new name: choose to **BEGIN** by becoming part of his family.  Jesus changes you: choose to **GROW** in your experience of his transforming presence.  Jesus gives you purpose: choose to **ENGAGE** by operating out of your unique brokenness to become a blessing (a wounded healer) to others. |