## Worship with us in the Word

Family – A Place For Grace Pastor Jack Austin 8/1/2021

Society's shifting perspective – 1950's – 2021

Scripture's examples - broken & flawed families

One of the marks of Messiah is reuniting of families - Malachi 4:6

Scripture's clarity: God is to be our <u>foundation</u>.

Psalm 127 - Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

and go late to rest,
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<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

How do we work within the LORD's construction plan?

- Intake of the Word
- Integration of Prayer

Looking ahead, we'll consider...

**Encouraging words**: God's provision of hope and grace

**Healing words**: forgiveness, blessing, honor **Building words**: truth, commitment, church, love

Practical words: voices of authority & influence, roots of responsibility, fruits of frustration, thinking biblically about amusements &

entertainment