

### III. FOLLOW THE LIFE OF CHRIST (7:28-29)

#### #JESUS

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*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught,  
abounding in it with thanksgiving* Colossians 2:6-7

In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives? In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity.

Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything!!

#### What do you need to do to better serve God in your family?

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### FAMILY MATTERS Secrets For A Lasting Family Pastor Steve Reynolds

#### INTRODUCTION

**A.** Will your family survive in today’s culture? Many people say that the traditional idea of the family is finished. The family institution today may be fragmented, but it is definitely not finished. Your family can survive and thrive!

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**B.** In this series you will discover the Biblical secrets for a successful family. This eight part series features the following messages:

Feb 8	Secrets To A God-Honoring Family
Feb 15	Secrets To Being Single And Happy
Feb 22	Secrets To A Satisfying Marriage
Mar 1	Secrets For Great Communication
Mar 8	Secrets For Debt Free Living
Mar 15	Secrets For Successful Parenting
Mar 22	Secrets For Fruitful Grandparenting
TODAY	Secrets For A Lasting Family

This series is for everyone!

**C. TEXT:** Matthew 7:24-29 (Pew Bible/Pg. ???/New Test.)

## SECRETS FOR A LASTING FAMILY

### I. **BUILD** ON A FIRM FOUNDATION (7:24, 26)

*“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* I Corinthians 3:11

#### A. **Wise** families build on the **rock** (v24).

*“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* Romans 10:17

*“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* James 1:22

*“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”* I Corinthians 10:4

#### B. **Foolish** families build on the **sand** (v26).

*“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”* Luke 6:46

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* Proverbs 1:7

*“And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”* I John 2:17

Is your family wise or foolish? Do you need to get out of the sand and onto the rock?

*“1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.”  
2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.”* Psalm 40:1-2

### II. **PREPARE** FOR STORMS TO COME (7:25, 27)

*“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”* Matthew 5:45

#### A. Prepare for the **culture** we live in.

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* Romans 12:2

#### B. Prepare for the **crisis** we live through.

*“1 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*

*2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”*

Isaiah 43:1-2

#### C. Prepare for the **changes** we live within.

*“3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;*

*4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”* Romans 5:3-4