



*Enjoy Love and Love Others*  
Zephaniah 3 & Ephesians 5

Me when my kid trips over the toy I  
asked him to pick up 100 times



A close-up photograph of a baby lying in a hospital bed. The baby has blonde hair and blue eyes, looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The baby is partially covered by a white blanket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Never make eye contact with a  
child on the verge of falling asleep**

**They will sense your excitement  
and abort mission**

How I feel when my kids won't eat their  
food

**THEN GO AHEAD AND**

**STARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRVE!!**

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**Me:** I love being a mom

**Also me:**

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how do you fake your own coma



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I'm Feeling Lucky

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When your kid takes up all of the space in your bed even though there should be plenty of space for you both...



When you're trying to get your toddler's legs into a one-piece pajama



**BEND THE KNEE**

Me in the morning  
after a cup of coffee



Me around dinnertime  
waiting for my husband  
to come home





This kid just cracked the Mother's Day  
secret

Mom, I just wanted  
to tell you that Mother's  
Day wouldn't be  
possible without  
me. ~~me.~~

I'll be waiting  
for my present in the  
living room.

love,  
Joshua

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17**

**14 Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion!**

**Shout in triumph, O Israel!**

**Rejoice and exult with all your heart,**

**O daughter of Jerusalem!**

**15 The LORD has taken away His judgments against you,**

**He has cleared away your enemies.**

**The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;**

**You will fear disaster no more.**

**16 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:**

**“Do not be afraid, O Zion;**

**Do not let your hands fall limp.**

**17 “The LORD your God is in your midst,**

**A victorious warrior.**

**He will exult over you with joy,**

**He will be quiet in His love,**

**He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.**

- **Who are these people who are singing and being sung over?**
  - **Israel at the end of time after they are restored to God through**
- **Jesus**
  - **Extends out to those with whom God is in a covenant relationship**
  - **Does that apply to you?**

- **God gets joy from us**
- **He sings over us with shouts of joy**
  - **Who could ever imagine or make up a God like this??**
  - **God who made everything and said its good sings over us- he's humming our theme song!**
- **He's shouting for joy and then he's quiet over us- why?**
  - **Overwhelmed with emotion as he contemplates who we are by faith in Christ**

- **We are rebellious idolators, God grabs us in grace, takes away our judgments through Christ, and then sings in love and joy over us!**
- **v. 14- singing with joy and shouts and triumph is the right response to God's love**
  - **Are you passing this singing with joy on to your children?**
  - **God is acting for them and on them- let's teach them joy for God's grace in Jesus!**

- **How much of our family's response to God is caught and how much is taught?**
  - **Deut. 6:7; Eph 6**
- **We have to find a way to teach this daily joy to our kids in our overly-busy culture**
- **What does it look like to love God and to live in his love?**
  - **Be in right relationships with others- starting at home**
  - **Live daily with God, close enough to intuitively catch on to God's "heart" desires**

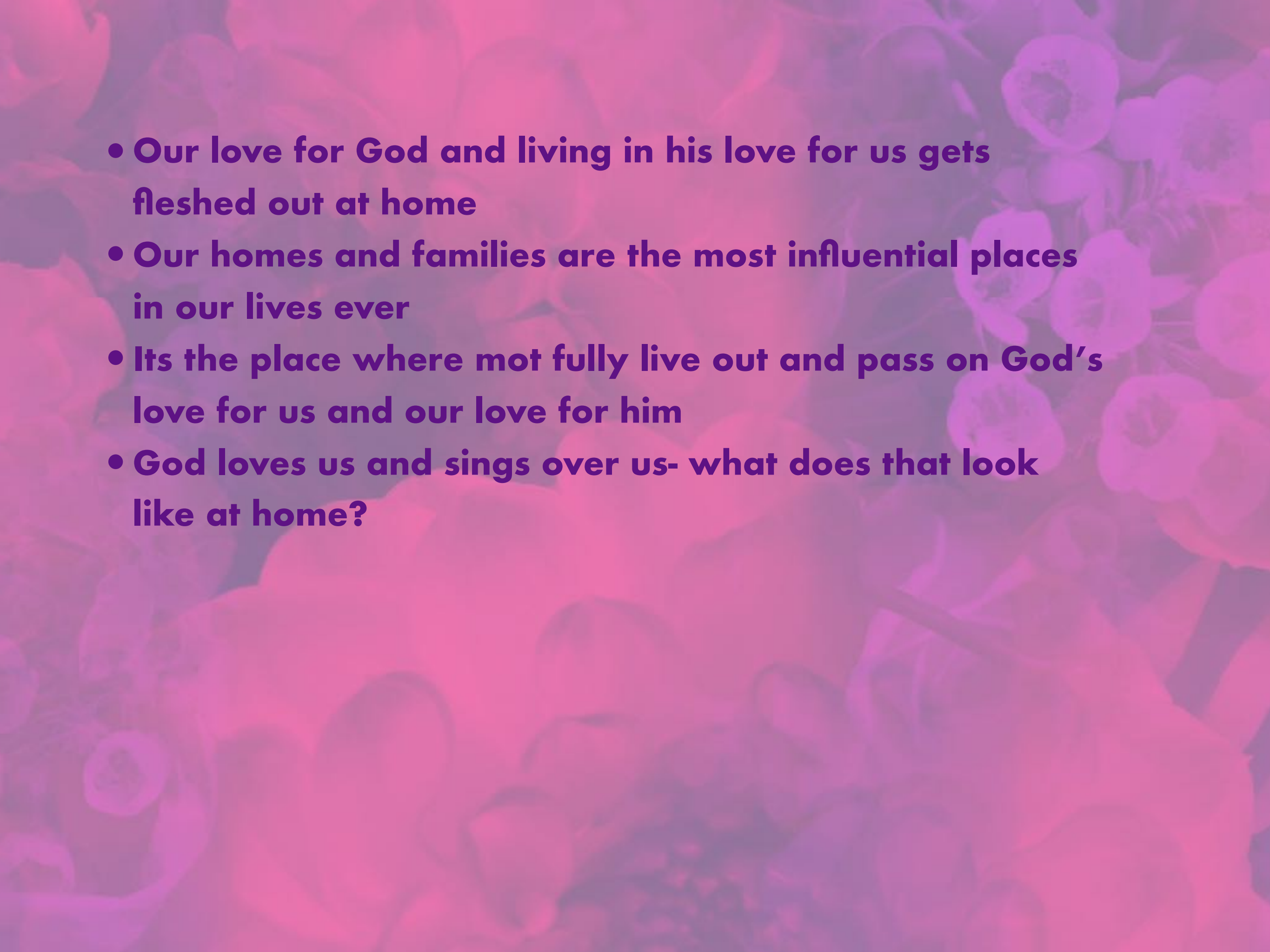
## **EPHESIANS 5:21-6:4**

**21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.**

**Marriage Like Christ and the Church 22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.**

**25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.**

**Family Relationships 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

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- **Our love for God and living in his love for us gets fleshed out at home**
  - **Our homes and families are the most influential places in our lives ever**
  - **Its the place where mot fully live out and pass on God's love for us and our love for him**
  - **God loves us and sings over us- what does that look like at home?**



- **What does Ephesians 5 have to do with God's love?**
  - **Because I'm convinced of God's love for me, I can go to the members of my family and ask, "What do you need to thrive, to be loved/respected/honored/lead/obeyed? I can't wait to love you the way God loves me!"**
- **Paul is describing what it looks like to live in the Spirit and Jesus' love at home**
- **Mom- God loves you and you don't need to put the weight of your every emotional need on your family**
  - **You can love yourself and your family confidently!**
- **So much of this flows from the Dads**
  - **The best gift you could give your wife/kids is to enjoy the fact that God loves you and then love them with that same kind of love**
  - **You can shower your family with love bc God loves you and you are enjoying that love today!**

- **This is so important bc the family is the starting point of God's mission**
- **You are creating the seedbed of a powerful Gospel life for generations or stifling it bc your family isn't sure about God's love**
- **We don't want to idolize loving our family- we need to get out and love God and love others!**
- **"God designed marriage to reflect his saving love for us in Christ."- Tim Keller**

- **Because God loves us and we are confident in his love, we can open our hands in our families**
  - **We don't have to control or manipulate our families to get what we "deserve" from them**
  - **We can give and receive love generously and without fear**
- **Its all based on 5:21- we are trusting that the Holy Spirit is changing and equipping each of us to submit to each other**
  - **God's love allows us to relax and to stop looking for satisfaction in the love of others, even our families**
- **The first step to free our families to be a safe and nurturing place for everyone is to be convinced of and enjoy God's singing love over us**
- **We can love and love and give and give because God has given us great love- we covenant to give it to each other**