

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Strange Families"

Sermon Series: "Strange Things"

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What was something that you thought was "normal" growing up, that you were surprised later to find out wasn't exactly "normal" to other families?

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If you want what normal FAMILIES have, then do what normal FAMILIES do.

If you want what few FAMILIES have, then do what few FAMILIES do.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

1) Communicate love with your TIME.

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. **Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)**

2) Communicate love with SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP.

"Our greatest priority as Christian parents is to gradually transfer our children's dependence away from us until it rests solely on God." -Craig Groeschel

3) Communicate love with GENUINE AFFECTION.

- Communicate love with a LOOK

A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health. **Proverbs 15:30 (NLT)**

- Communicate love with a WORD

- Communicate love with a TOUCH



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One of the main distractions to living a healthy life is the hurts, habits, and hang-ups from the past. Often, we are tempted to focus on the difficulty of the past or the fear of the future.

How does being a part of Jesus' family help you focus on TODAY?

Jesus wants to communicate His love to you with his time—are you taking time regularly for prayer, Bible reading, and communicating with others?

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What's the difference between someone just pretending to love you and someone really loving you? How can you tell?

Can you recall an important moment in your life when someone communicated their genuine love to you through a look, word, or touch?

Pastor John encouraged us to use our time wisely before it is gone. Take a few minutes and talk about the importance of using your limited time wisely.

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The Apostle Paul said to HATE what is wrong—not WHO, but WHAT. What are some things you hate?

The Apostle Paul said to HOLD tightly to what is good. What are some things you are HOLDING to that are bringing you encouragement?

Describe what Pastor Craig Groeschel means by his statement: "Our greatest priority as Christian parents is to gradually transfer our children's dependence away from us until it rests solely on God."

How is this accomplished?

Pray!

Have you been accepted and loved into Jesus' family? Thank God and work hard to learn, live, love and lead!