

# **FAMILY CIRCUS**

## **Week 1: May 9th & 12th - Controlled Chaos**

### **Breaking the Cycle**

**How do you break this cycle? Decide what kind of Family you want.**

### **CENTER your family around Jesus**

***Deuteronomy 6:4-9** - 4 Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

### **COMMIT to the change**

***Joshua 24:14-15** - 14 “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”*

#### **1. You may need to Connect with God**

#### **2. You may need to Cut Ties with Your Past**

#### **3. You may need to Create a New Start**

### **CONFRONT your excuses**

***Matthew 16:24-26** - 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?”*

**How do you break this cycle? Decide what kind of Family you want.**

**What kind of Family do you want?**

### **Family Covenant**

*“Today, I commit to making Jesus the center of my family. I will love Him with all of my heart, with all of my soul and with all of my strength. I will boldly stand for what is right and I will turn away from what is wrong. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”*