

# DISCOVERING OUR FAMILY

*Family Anthem: Week Six*

# REVIEW

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In our series 'Family Anthem' we have seen how:

- Our VISION provides the direction
- Our FOCUS provides the time
- Our WORDS provide the support
- Our HONESTY provides the safety
- Our CLOSENESS provides the environment
- Today- Our DISCOVERY provides the adventure

# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

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- EXPECTATIONS can make or break most experiences: seeing a blockbuster movie, going for a surf at a premier location, your wedding day/night, or seeing your baby for the first time!
- If our expectations are not properly aligned we will not appreciate the full value of the experience. This is true in family.

# DANGER ZONE

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When differences in personalities within our families are not celebrated and embraced we communicate unmet expectations and this leads to continual expressions of disappointment (“You are not enough”).

# EXPECTATIONS SET RIGHT

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- Our expectation for them must be that they fulfill their God-given potential and calling.
  - Remember this: “The greatest threat to our child(ren) becoming who God created them to be is our own expectation of who we think they should be.”

# 3 KEYS

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- **SURRENDER:** We have to surrender our wishes and dreams for them and seek out who God has created them to be.
- **SEE THEM:** We need to see them the way God sees them and honor the things they value.
- **DISCOVER THEM:** We must enter into a process of discovery of who God has made them to be.

# 4 POINTS OF DISCOVERY

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“Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don’t be impressed with yourself. Don’t compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.”

**GALATIANS 6:4-7**

*The Message*

# WHO + WHAT

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1. Discover who they are and what God has for them to do. **“Do your own work!”** — “Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that...” **GALATIANS 6:4**



# **HARD WORK + HUMILITY**

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2. Discover the joy of hard work. Humility is to be un-impressed with oneself. Don't stop to pat yourself on the back!— “...sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself...”

**GALATIANS 6:4**

# LIVE FOR ONE

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3. Discover the joy of living for an audience of One!

“Comparison is the enemy of contentment.” Your gifts and calling are **yours!**— “Don’t compare yourself with others...”

**GALATIANS 6:4**

# TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

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4. Discover how life wraps up in the end- personal responsibility. Your life matters to God. You are here on purpose. God has a meaningful contribution for you to make and I am so excited to help you discover it!— “Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.” **GALATIANS 6:5** (The Message Version)

# VISION STATEMENT

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- Finish your family vision statements this week!
- **HULSE'S** — “With life in Jesus and love for God we embrace the adventure, invite others right in, and magnify forgiveness, integrity, and perseverance for His glory.”
- **THRASH'S** — “With God. Invest in people. Laugh, play, dance and celebrate.”
- **LIESIK'S**: Pursuing Jesus by loving well, serving well and living adventurously!