July 8, 2018 A Strong Family - Part 2: IN HIS IMAGE

God desires families to be strong so that families can bring joy and happiness, overcome the trials of life together, and reflect His goodness to a dark and sinful world. Seeing yourself in His image is a key to building strong families. Romans 8:29

- 1. See yourself through God's eyes.
 - a. You are created in the **image** of God. Ephesians 4:24 (Genesis 1:26-28)
 - b. You are righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:24
 - c. You are of great worth. Psalm 8:5, John 17:22
 - d. You are accepted by God. Romans 15:7
 - e. You are God's masterpiece. Psalm 139:14, 17-18
- 2. **Conformed** to His image. Romans 8:29 (2011 translation)
 - a. Begins with the new birth. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - b. By the **knowledge**. Colossians 3:10
 - c. By **renewing** the mind. Ephesians 4:22

<u>Conclusion:</u> When we walk in the revelation we are created in His image, begin to see ourselves through God's eyes, and allow God to conform us to His image we become a strong Christian. We are then able to build a strong marriage and family. Discussion question:

- 1. Describe what it means to see yourself in His image?
- 2. What can you do to see yourself in His image?
- 3. How does seeing yourself in His image help build a strong marriage and family.