



Part 1:  
Be Like Me

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*Disclaimer:*

*The title of this series in no way implies that Grant thinks you should be watching the Simpsons!*

## The High Standard of Scripture

- For Fathers – *Deuteronomy 6, Proverbs 23, Ephesians 6*
- For Mothers – *Proverbs 31*
- For Children – *Psalms 127, Ephesians 6*
- For Family – *Colossians 3, Psalm 128, 1 Timothy 5:8*

**The biblical call of what we do is always  
superseded by challenge of who we are.**

## Psalm 103:1-10

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<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his  
holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits-

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the  
pit and crowns you with love  
and compassion,

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good  
things so that your youth is renewed like  
the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and  
gracious, slow to anger, abounding  
in love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins  
deserve or repay us according to  
our iniquities.

## God's Role in Our Lives

- Forgives and heals (*verse 3*)
- Redeems and esteems (*verse 4*)
- Satisfies and renews (*verse 5*)
- Works justice for the oppressed (*verse 6*)

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## Regardless of our family role, God calls us to be like Him:

- Compassionate (vs. 8) – moved by our trial towards forgiveness
- Gracious (vs. 8) – reaches out in the face of failure with a heart to restore
- Slow to anger (vs. 8) – restrains his justice in favor of grace
- Rich in love (vs. 8) – chooses unconditional love
- Always looking beyond our failure and seeing us as His children (vs. 9-10)

### Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
its builders labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the watchmen stand guard in vain.  
In vain you rise early and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat –  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

### One Application Question:

In my role as a father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister:  
*Am I a good reflection of Jesus?*

## On Your Way Home

What do you think God expects from a family?

### Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) Who was your favorite TV family? What made them your favorite?
- 2) Without sinning, describe your family. How has your family of origin shaped the way you are as a person today?
- 3) In your role as a father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, what is the greatest spiritual challenge that you face?
- 4) Take a few moments and give thanks to God for being who he is in Psalm 103. Review all of the character traits described in the ten verses and then share which one is the most precious for you and why.
- 5) How can you apply the standards of grace, compassion, being slow to anger, being rich in love, and seeing value in each person as one created by God in your family this coming week?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?