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## Investing in Your FUTURE

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The leadership team here at Temple Rogers has a tremendous desire to invest in and resource you to become the person that God desires you to be. To help make this happen, we have been seeking ways to help you become successful and productive in your personal, spiritual life.

For the past seven months, we have provided you with a daily **“Recharge”** to help you to process the application of the Sunday message throughout the week. During that same time frame, we have been hosting **Community Groups** which have given you the opportunity to come together in a safe and nurturing fellowship to grow even more in your spiritual walk.

Starting this month, we have two new tools to help you become the person God wants you to be. By now you have probably heard that we will be providing a new resource to help parents lead out in **Family Devotional Time**. Pastor David has been hard at work on this resource! So I want to encourage everyone who has children living at home (from birth up) to pick up a copy of this book to use in the coming weeks.

It is never too late to begin worshiping together as a family! But it is also never too early! What an amazing gift it would be for your child to not be able to remember a time when your family did not have a consistent family devotional time.

The other tool that we would like to give you to help you in your spiritual journey is in the form of a new, digital resource—**RightNow Media**.

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Once you have completed the simple login process, you will be able to go in with members of your family and look for just the right resource to fit your personal needs—whether that’s studies on marriage, parenting, or just your personal walk with the Lord—and all of this is a free gift from Temple Rogers! There are even studies available about being the best grandparent that you can be for your family!

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## Embracing the Imminent CHANGES in Life

**Ron Fields**

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "...A time for every purpose under heaven." Spring is upon us. New growth is evident. Color is welcome after the barren brown of winter. Time marches on.

We welcome the changes around us. Hope is in the air. We anticipate greater things. There is a sense of excitement. Instead of shoveling snow and bringing in firewood our thoughts turn to yard work and gardening.

Yet these are difficult times. The world around us seems spiraling out of control. Events are commonplace that would seem impossible a few years ago. Uncertainty concerning the future cause many to fear.

Against that backdrop we are reminded that we are brought to this time and place for a purpose. We who desire to follow the Lord have been given this time to accomplish a great mission – to live and speak as witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will be better prepared for the uncertainty ahead by concentrating on specific disciplines of the Christian life. Over the next few weeks we will be learning and relearning basic instructions on how to live or how to be prepared for the challenges we face (for more on this read 1 Peter 3:15).



# Become the Spiritual LEADER in Your Family

**David McEuen**

Pastor of Family and Worship

Family Devotions have arrived! I pray that these new devos will go well and will help equip you to fulfill God's call for your family as you talk of Him, '...when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.'

As you begin using these family devos, please keep these things in mind:

## 1. **God has called you.**

When God gave you your first child, He called you—especially fathers—to lead your children spiritually. When God calls you, He provides the means to fulfill this call. Rely on Him.

## 2. **Be intentional with your time.**

Joshua told the people of Israel to "...choose *this* day whom you will serve..." You'll never just get around to it. Pick a time, pick a place

and stick to it as best you can. Consider tying family devo time to an already established routine. Whether mornings or evenings, the important thing is to start creating the habit.

## 3. **Quality over quantity.**

Kids can only pay attention so long. Start small and add time as you continue meeting together. Even 5 minutes together in the Word can reap eternal dividends.

## 4. **Give yourself grace.**

If family devos don't go the way you envision them at first, don't be discouraged. Remember, God is for you and wants you to succeed in this endeavor; you may just need to change things up a bit. He supplies the grace needed to this well and the grace needed when it doesn't go the way you want.

Finally, let us take the words Ephesians 5:15-16 to heart: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, *making the best use of the time*, because the days are evil." Parents, let's make the best use of the time and daily paint our kids to Christ.



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# COMMUNITY— We Need Each Other

**John O'Connor**

Pastor of Community Engagement

In Jeremiah 29, the prophet is writing a letter to all the people who were exiled to Babylon. In verse 7, he told them (on God's behalf) to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

In other words, God was telling them that their personal success and welfare is tied up with the welfare and success of the rest of the community. God wanted them to really be a part of that community... put down roots, even if they were only going to be there for 70 years.

I think it's important that we learn from this too. We all have a responsibility to build community with one another—to be connected to one another in the church. In fact, our personal, spiritual welfare is tied up with the community that we call our church family.

This means that we need to listen to one another's concerns even if we don't have the time. We need to value what they value even if we don't necessarily care. And we need to band together with our ministry leaders (pastors and laymen), discover their vision for our church and do all we can to help accomplish it!

Community is a noun, but it is also a verb. Are you experiencing community? One of the best ways

I know to connect with one another is in a Community Group. Sign-ups are going on now if you want to get involved in our Community Groups – Spring Session.

The Spring Session will begin the week of April 11 and run through the week of May 23. Talk to me or Pastor Wade if you are interested in getting plugged in to a Community Group!



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