

Shattered Sermon Series Map

September 14

WORRY! What do you worry about on a daily basis? Do you worry about death, life, war, natural disasters? Do you worry about your marriage, your family, your relationship with your spouse or with your children? Do you worry about the economy or your finances? What if I told you that you could live a life that was worry-free and grace driven instead of stress-ridden? Would you be interested? Come and found out more as we deal with the Shattered Sermon Series!

Sermon Series Summary

Series Passage

- **Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV)** – ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Series Question

- What if you could live a life free of worry, would you be interested?

Series Prayer

- Oh, Lord Hear My Cry. Help me turn my worry into Praise of your Holy Name!

Sermon Two – Shattered Families

Main Text: Psalm 127:1 – Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Matthew 7:24-27 – He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Big Idea: Seek God...Save the Family

America is slowly losing the battle for the Family. The definition of a family is under attack but more importantly the very moral fabric of the family unit is being torn apart. Our families are being torn apart by the increase of worldly mindedness and less of a focus on God. Our culture today places more emphasis on money, jobs, recreational activities, and stuff more than strengthening, encouraging, and loving the family as God has commanded. We have already begun reaping what we have sown.

The Big Three

Question #1 – Do you believe that there is a God?

- **Psalm 127:1** – Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.
- **Step #1 – Trust in His Promises**
- **Hebrews 13:5** – Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here points us back to the first question. If we want to restore our family & our relationships with our spouse, children, or other relatives then we must believe in God and His promises, otherwise we are building our hopes and dreams on sand instead of a solid foundation.

Question #2 – Are you willing to apply the principles of God’s Word to your life?

- **Matthew 7:24-27** – ²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” – **Foundation**
- **Deut. 6:4-9** – ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. – **Standard**
- **Step #2 – Find the Standard...Apply the Standard**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here points us back to the second question. If we believe in God and trust His Word then we must ask ourselves if we are willing to apply His Word. Our methods have not worked so therefore what do we have to lose, find the standard of how to be a family based on God’s Word and apply the standard.

Question #3 – Will you pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen your family?

- **Deut. 7:6** – For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.
- **Step #3 – Depend on God’s Power to Restore Your Family**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here points us back to the final question. We must not only believe and apply but be willing to commit our family to the Lord in every respect. It is here through the course of our prayers and the

reading of the Word of God that God will guide, direct, and transform our families. If you are not happy about your current situation then pray and God will speak to you, he will guide you, and direct even if they means that the person he wants to change is YOU! Be ready for your answer, be ready to depend on His power and not your own.

Question to Consider

1. Where can your marriage or your relationship with your children or grandchildren be strengthened? How will you strengthen those relationships?

Memory Verse

Psalm 40:2 (NIV) – He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Big Challenge

Our desire is to help you pick up the pieces in your shattered life. We invite you to take part in one of our new classes focused on the Shattered topics in order to help you reclaim restoration in your life: **Sunday Morning Classes** – Budgeting 101, Maximizing Your Marriage, or Value Packed Parenting... **Wednesday Night Classes** – Faith Matters, New Testament Review, or Maximizing Your Marriage.

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