

## **Sermon Notes – 06.23.2024 “Dedication and Devotion”**

### **Dedicating Our Children is Not a Requirement – It is a Privilege**

**We Live in a Covenant relationship with God by Faith in Christ – We Receive and Dedicate**

### **The First Born Were “Presented to the Lord.”**

**Luke 2:22** And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

### **Jesus Blessed Children – We Do Too**

**Mark 10:13-16** And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*." **16** And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

### **God Dedicated Us – “Sealed” Us and “Gave Us the Spirit in Our Hearts as a Pledge”**

**2 Corinthians 1:20-22** For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. **21** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, **22** who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

### **All That We Have Comes from God**

**1 Chronicles 29:12** "Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. **13** "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. **14** "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.

**James 1:17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

**Romans 11:36** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

### **Children are a Heritage Gift from God**

**Psalms 127:3-4** Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. **4** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

**Psalms 139:16-17** Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

## Hannah Dedicated Samuel to the Lord

**1 Samuel 1:26=28** She said, "Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD. **27 "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 "So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD."** And he worshiped the LORD there.

## Dedication of Eliana / Call the Church to Always Pray and Help Eliana as She Grows

## Devotion/ The Next Step: Our Devotion to God Will Be Seen

### Three Most Powerful Ways to Teach a Child – Example, Example, Example

#### Devoted to God Who Chose Us

**Colossians 3:12** So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. **14** Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

**Colossians 4:2** Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

#### Devoted to One Another in the Lord

**Romans 12:10** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;* give preference to one another in honor; **11** not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, **13** contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

**Devoted** – A Life that We Fill with God's Word, with Prayer to God, with the Worship of God, and Powerful Loving Fellowship with God and One Another – And in this, It is Our Purpose to be a Blessing to God, to One Another, and a powerful Example to Dear Eliana and Helpful Encouragement to Derek and Tatyana.

### Let Us Pray