

*A Different Kind of
Family*

Isaiah 8:11 (ESV)

11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people...

Isaiah 8:18 (ESV)

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

I Want My Family to be Different...

- Because they don't fear what others fear

Isaiah 8:12–13 (ESV)

“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

I Want My Family to be Different...

- Because they don't fear what others fear
- Because they take refuge where others stumble

Isaiah 8:14–15 (ESV)

14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

1 Peter 2:4–9 (ESV)

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe...

1 Peter 2:4–9 (ESV)

... but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I Want My Family to be Different...

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- Because they take refuge where others stumble
- Because they hope in what is hidden from others

Isaiah 8:17 (ESV)

17 I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.

2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (ESV)

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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- Because they don't fear what others fear
- Because they take refuge where others stumble
- Because they hope in what is hidden from others
- Because they don't get their guidance where others do

Isaiah 8:19–20 (ESV)

19 And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

John 10:24–29 (ESV)

...you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

A Good Kind of Different

- Fearing God alone In fear and dread
- Possessing a spiritual sanctuary Stumbling, broken, and snared
- Hoping in God Can't see God
- Guided by the word and testimony Guided by those who chirp and mutter

Isaiah 8:20–22 (ESV)

... they have no dawn. 21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. 22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

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Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV)

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Philippians 2:14–16 (ESV)

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing,
15 that you may be blameless and innocent,
children of God without blemish in the midst of
a crooked and twisted generation, among whom
you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast
to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I
may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor
in vain.

Acts 2:38–40 (ESV)

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”