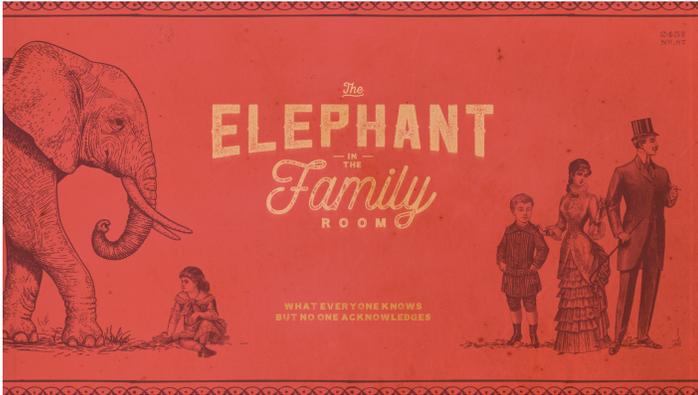


MESSAGE NOTES



Series: The Elephant in the Family Room
Message: One Family Member Too Many
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³ A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. ⁴ Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NLT)

We all have this in common – problems!

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NLT)

Extensive research has proven there is one member that holds significant influence over the health of the family system – you.

Ignoring, reframing, excusing or running away are not good solutions.

Acknowledging and addressing them is the approach God will bless.

There is no escape, but there is a way to be prepared.

²⁴ Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)