

# FRET

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What is something a family member has taught you?

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### Fret and Family

God always promised that He would take care of His children. Even more, God loves us and even His children who come after us because of His covenant love. By “covenant” I mean God’s plan and promise to love and look after His children. This isn’t because of anything His children have done to merit such love from God, but that God does this from His own desire and goodness.

Deuteronomy 7.6-13 attests to this when God’s love for His children is proclaimed, “...not because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath He swore to your ancestors that He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you...” (vv7-8). This is truly *unconditional* love. God says He loves His children because He loves them. There are no conditions!

Not only is this a covenant of unconditional love, but also a reminder of God’s faithfulness to families. The next verse says, “He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.” God is focused on family and looks after them according to His covenantal love and faithfulness.

What this means for our familial concerns is that God carries it all. His covenant focuses on the family. He has not forgotten the burdens one carries for their family, and He has made promises of keeping His word and staying faithful to a thousand generations. This faithfulness and love of God looks different in every family situation. May His blessings and faithfulness minimize the worries carried toward loved ones.

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**GOD LOVES US BECAUSE HE LOVES US. ISN'T THAT INCREDIBLE!? THIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE LOVE BASED ON CONDITIONS. WE LOVE SOMEONE BECAUSE OF THEIR PERSONALITY, THEIR INTELLIGENCE, ETC. BUT GOD LOVES US BECAUSE HE LOVES US. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF BEING LOVED WITHOUT CONDITIONS?**

**GOD HAS MADE PROMISES TO LOVE AND LOOK AFTER US, EVEN TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. HOW IS THIS A COMFORT TO YOU AND YOUR NUCLEAR FAMILY (SPOUSE AND CHILDREN)?**

**IF YOU HAVE A "WAYWARD" CHILD, ONE WHO SEEMS TO BE LIVING HOW THEY WANT APART FROM LOVING GOD, HOW DO GOD'S BLESSINGS COME TO THEM FROM OTHER CHRISTIAN FAMILY MEMBERS?**

**IN INFANT BAPTISM THE CHURCH AND FAMILY PROCLAIM THAT THE CHILD WILL BE SPIRITUALLY SUPPORTED BY THEM. HOW IS THIS A BLESSING TO THE CHILD, EVEN A CHILD THAT MAY NOT LOVE GOD? IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF GOD'S COVENANT LOVE REACHING FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, I.E, GOD'S LOVE REACHING FROM ONE GENERATION (THE PARENT/GUARDIAN) TO THE NEXT (THE CHILD)?**

Please take a few moments to pray with and for one another