

## HOW TO SERVE GOD AS A FAMILY / COMO SERVIR A DIOS COMO FAMILIA

### Acts 16:31

**“<sup>31</sup> So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>31</sup> Ellos dijeron: Cree en el Señor Jesucristo, y serás salvo, tú y tu casa”**

**INTRO: We are living in the End-Times and as Children of God we know what the future holds for all of us. We know the consequences of not having a Biblical relationship with Jesus Christ and the benefits of living a faithful and loyal life in Him.**

**We also strive to have everything our family needs: assurance of a place to live, food to feed ourselves, cloth to keep us warm and all necessities that will bring comfort in this world. If we are concern for the physical and moral aspect of our family; what about their spiritual journey? What can we do for our spouse that doesn't want to serve God? Our family that just doesn't want to be in the Biblical level that it requires. What can we do if they call us: old fashion, you are too conservative or just too religious and all we want to strive for is for them to be saved, be part of the blessed hope (Rapture) and not stay during the Great Tribulation?**

**The Bible shares with us three incidents that will help us and guide us into a victory within our family.**

#### **I. THE DEMON POSSESSED FROM GARASENES / EL ENDEMIDIADO DE GADARENA**

**1. Mark 5:18-20 <sup>18</sup> As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup> Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.” <sup>18</sup> Al entrar él en la barca, el que había estado endemoniado le rogaba que le dejase estar con él. <sup>19</sup> Mas Jesús no se lo permitió, sino que le dijo: Vete a tu casa, a los tuyos, y cuéntales cuán grandes cosas el Señor ha hecho contigo, y cómo ha tenido misericordia de ti. <sup>20</sup> Y se fue, y comenzó a publicar en Decápolis cuán grandes cosas había hecho Jesús con él; y todos se maravillaban.**

**1) He set the mark in “wanting to be with Jesus”**

**(1) It's not about being religious but being with Him 24/7**

**2) Our family is our priority “Go home to your family”**

**3) Tell them how much the Lord has done “Began to tell”**

**(1) Dt. 6:7 <sup>7</sup> 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” <sup>7</sup> y las repetirás a tus hijos, y hablarás de ellas estando en tu casa, y andando por el camino, y al acostarte, y cuando te levantes”**

**4) Take action: “He went away” Where? To his family!**

**(1) Don't use the church activities as a way out of your family responsibilities**

#### **II. CORNELIUS THE ROMAN COMMANDER / CORNELIO EL COMANDANTE ROMANO**

**1. Acts. 10:1-2 <sup>1</sup> At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup> He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly” <sup>1</sup> Había en Cesarea un hombre llamado Cornelio, centurión de la compañía llamada la Italiana, <sup>2</sup> piadoso y temeroso de Dios con toda su casa, y que hacía muchas limosnas al pueblo, y oraba a Dios siempre”**

**1) It's being devoted (loyal, faithful and true)**

**(1) He didn't waver on circumstances**

**2) God – fearing**

**(1) He didn't fear men but God (not being afraid but respectful)**

**3) He gave generously**

**(1) This is an example that needs to be seen by family members**

- 4) He prayed to God regularly
- 5) He was obedient to what God commanded, vs. 5-7
- 6) His family followed His example, vs. 24
- 7) People followed Him, vs. 27
- 8) They were Spirit-filled, vs. 44
- 9) They followed His steps in being baptized in water, vs. 48

### III. THE JAILER FROM PHILIPPI / EL CARCELERO DE FILIPOS

**1. Acts. 16:30-31** <sup>“30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” <sup>“30</sup> *y sacándolos, les dijo: Señores, ¿qué debo hacer para ser salvo?* <sup>31</sup> *Ellos dijeron: Cree en el Señor Jesucristo, y serás salvo, tú y tu casa*”

- 1) Accepting the fact that we need Jesus, vs. 30
- 2) Inquire on how to be saved, vs. 30
- 3) Involved your family in this decision, vs. 31
- 4) Gather your family at that moment of need, vs. 32
- 5) His family followed his example, vs. 33
- 6) Opened His house and shared his meal, vs. 34
- 7) He and his whole family believed! vs. 34

**CONCLUSION: Its urgent! Our family needs to be saved.** <sup>“34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family”

<sup>“34</sup> *Y llevándolos a su casa, les puso la mesa; y se regocijó con toda su casa de haber creído a Dios*”

Is all your family saved? In these three incidences all were saved. Yes, all your family and Friends can be saved from the future that waits for this world. We must set the example.

El carcelero, el endemoniado y Cornelio