

# Families



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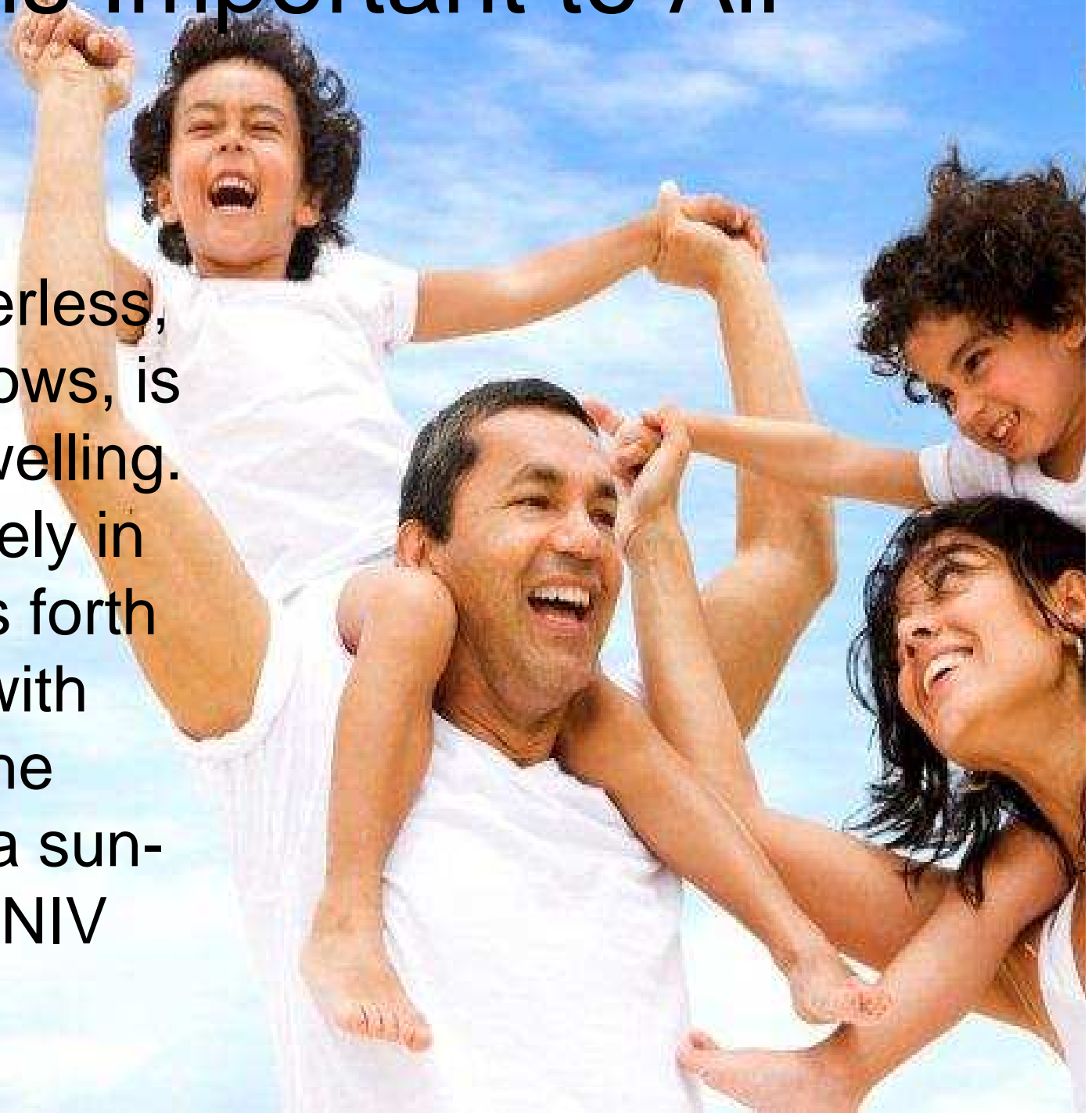


# Family is Important to All

## **Ps 68:5-6**

A father to the fatherless,  
a defender of widows, is  
God in his holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in  
families, he leads forth  
the prisoners with  
singing; but the  
rebellious live in a sun-  
scorched land. NIV



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## James Dobson

It is my view that our society can be no more stable than the foundation of individual family units upon which it rests. Our government, our institutions, our schools...indeed, our way of life are dependent on healthy marriages and loyalty to the vulnerable little children around our feet.



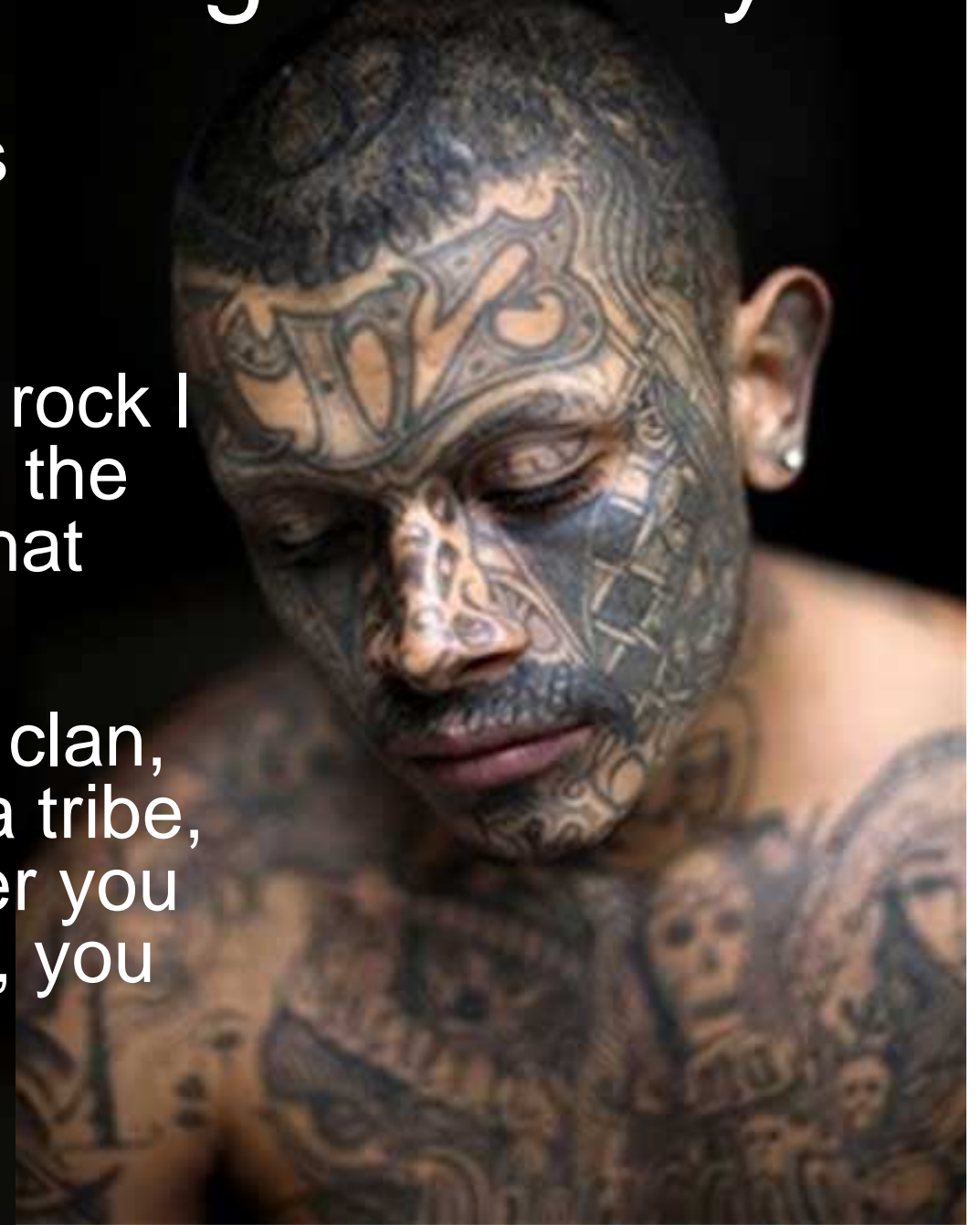
# Being made in God's image means that we are designed for relationship

- **Genesis 2:18**
- **Ecclesiastes 4:10**
- **1 Corinthians 12:21**



# The world is looking for family

- Gangs and Subcultures
- 6 relational touches
- **Lee lococca:** The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family.
- **Jane Howard:** Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.



# Family can be created in any circumstances

**Isa 44:5** One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name Israel. NIV

That family glaze of common references, jokes, events, calamities...layer upon layer of the things daily life is made of.

Laurie E. Colwin (description of family culture)



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**Rom 8:22-23**...but we ourselves...groan  
inwardly as we wait eagerly for our  
adoption as sons...



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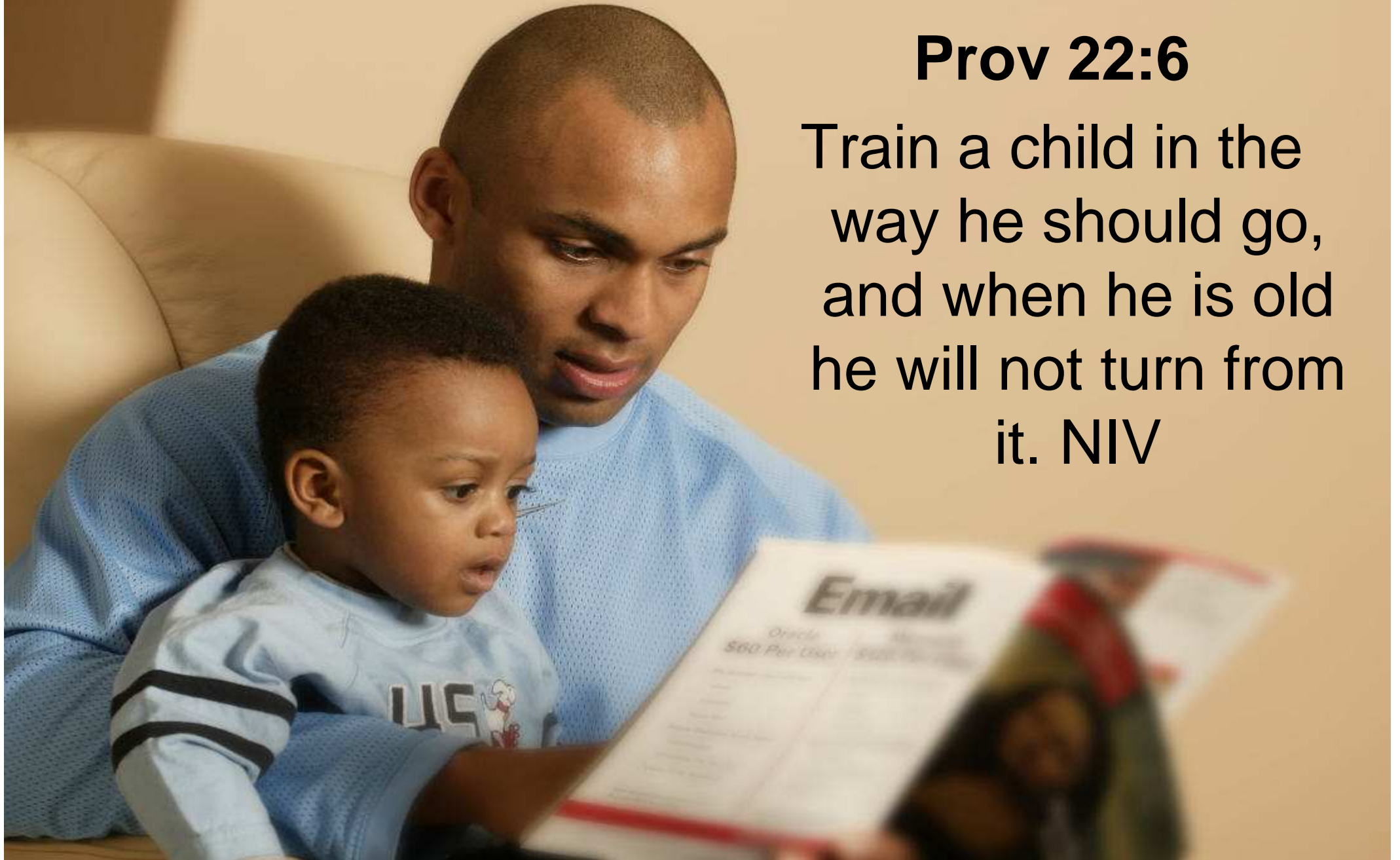
**Rom 8:15**...but you received the Spirit of  
sonship. And we cry, “Abba, Father.”



# Creating Family

**Prov 22:6**

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. NIV





An aerial, high-angle photograph of a large, diverse crowd of people gathered in a park-like setting. The people are seen from above, appearing as dark silhouettes against a light, grassy ground. They are scattered across the frame, with some groups and many individuals. The overall scene conveys a sense of a large public gathering or event.

# Creating Family

**Eph 4:11-16**

## In a Family We Learn:

- Trust/mistrust
- Interdependance/co-dependance
- A work ethic
- Identity
- How to Bond
- How to Learn
- Character

## Through:

- Uncondition acceptance
- Healthy Boundaries
- Shared responsibility
- Corporate memories
- Safety,modeling, emotional openness
- Encouragement to grow
- Accountability



# Conclusion

- Be a mother, father, sister, brother, Aunt or Uncle to someone.
- Family (spiritual and natural) is important enough to pursue aggressively.

