**STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY THROUGH COMMUNICATION**

**MATTHEW 7:24-25/MAY 2ND A.M.**

1. **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**
   1. **Be loving (1 John 4:11)**
   2. **Be transparent (Galatians 4:16)**
   3. **Be trustworthy (Psalm 52:3)**
   4. **Be positive (Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6)**
   5. **Be sensitive (1 Peter 3:7)**
   6. **Be an effective communicator (Genesis 19:14)**
   7. **Be an active listener (Matthew 13:13)**
   8. **Be prayerful (Colossians 1:3)**
2. **EXAMPLES OF COMMUNICATION**
   1. **Bad Communication (Genesis 3:1-6; Judges 16:4-19; 2 Samuel 11:1-17; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Acts 5:1-11)**
   2. **Good communication (Genesis 13:1-10; Joshua 24:1-25; 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15)**
3. **ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATION** 
   1. **Communicate with God**
      1. Talk to God (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6)
      2. Allow God to talk to you (Hebrews 1:1-2; John 12:49, 14:26; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 3:4)
   2. **Communicate with each other**
      1. Verbal (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)
      2. Non-Verbal (Proverbs 13:24, 23:12, 29:15)