

**Bumper Modern Family Video

<Spirit Filled Family>

Introduction

Let's play some word association...

<Modern> – What do you think of when you consider the world “modern”

Do you have a positive or negative response?

<Ancient> - What do you think of when you consider the world “ancient”

Do you have a positive or negative response?

<Ancient vs Modern>

Most people will gravitate towards one and be uneasy about the other. It's almost like you need to choose one and reject the other... but that's not necessarily true.

There are those that embrace the modern and demonize the ancient.

This modern society, this modern world claims to reject ancient ways. This modern culture rejects the thought that there is a God who created the world instead embraces the modern theory of evolution. If you hold to the idea that there is a creator you are

often ridiculed or marginalized.. “HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT ANCIENT STORIES?”

The same can be said for believing in the Biblical definition of marriage...

...That Jesus died and rose again...

...The notion of sin, the 10 commandments, morality being defined by God.

This world claims to be progressive and has left the archaic, out of date teaching and theology of the ancient world?

But have they really? Have they really embraced modern thought & rejected the ancient?

This Modern world is all about **Jealousy, materialism, & greed**. This culture is all about it... Our society and economy is built on it.

This isn't a modern thought... it is an ancient one... God warned his people about the sin of coveting...

Unbridled hatred & murder, Lust and sexually addiction That's not modern... Roman society

Yolo, You only live once - Epicurianism

Rejecting God isn't a modern idea...

So we have a Modern world espousing their philosophies to be Modern... when they aren't – they are ancient.

Let's flip the coin..

There are those who embrace the ancient and demonize the modern. Religion is often guilty of this viewpoint.

The good old days... The way Church use to be... that was church

There are religious Christian groups that reject the modern to a degree that they don't use electricity... they don't watch tv... they don't wear modern clothing styles... they reject the modern and believe it is holier to embrace the ancient.

We in the church often embrace a dated view of the family... We have this ideal picture of the family being like one of those 1950's tv shows where the dad heads off to work the stay at home mom kisses him as he leaves and hands the children their lunch as they head off to school. Anything that doesn't look like this picture we reject...

There are Christians who believe strongly that the wives shouldn't have be employed outside of the house... where do they get this idea? Not from the bible but from an ancient tradition...

Avoid the Culture war... Ancient vs Modern

It's all about Jesus! Jesus works in an ancient context. He works in a modern context.

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."(NIV)

We shouldn't be trying to look like some picture of what we think a good family looks like... we should look like Jesus.

Redemption Church shouldn't try to look like a modern mega church... we should look like Jesus.

You who are looking for your future husband or wife... look for someone who is like Jesus.

In a broken world, broken marriage, broken life Jesus fits the context.

In a perfect world, perfect marriage, perfect life Jesus fits the context.

Make sure Jesus is in your life... no matter what context you find yourself.

We miss the point...

It's not really a rejection of the ancient... It's not really a rejection of the modern... It's about a rejection of TRUTH.

<Truth & Culture>

Just because something is ancient doesn't make it Truth.

Just because it is modern, popular, and new doesn't make it Truth.

Culture is always trying to tell us what is true... but this culture rarely knows Truth.

For the family this can be very troubling... How do we teach our kids Truth? Are we sure we have truth? And if we do have Truth, will our families receive it...? They are being bombarded by culture... How do we weigh the balance of Truth and culture.

<How do we find Truth?>

Truth is the Word of God...

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.(NIV)

Truth is Jesus... Not a list of facts, not a doctrinal code or a theological or denominational position. Truth is a person – that person is Jesus...

John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.(NIV)

When weighing Truth & Culture, when making decision for our lives... we need to look to the Word of God... we need to look to Jesus. Does it agree with the Word of God...? Does it look like Jesus...?

DANGEROUS STATEMENT – The Bible is not enough. It's valuable to know the Word of God, but looking in your Bible is not enough. There are some situations not specifically addressed in the Bible... Abortion & Euthanasia are not specifically mentioned in your Bible. Your family will face some situations that the Bible is silent on.

**The Bible was never meant to be your only source of Guidance.
God has other sources for you..**

DANGEROUS STATEMENT – Looking at the Life of Jesus is not enough. It's valuable to ask "What would Jesus do", but using the life of Jesus as an example for you is not enough. Looking at Jesus and trying to mimic his actions is a good way to make decisions. Some people could get confused and justify their actions... I was angry and did hateful things... but remember Jesus threw those tables over in the temple... Jesus is our perfect example... Jesus is TRUTH personified...

But the life of Jesus was never meant to be your only source of Guidance. God has another source for you...

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

<Spirit of Truth>

If you aren't being guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth... you aren't being Guided like God would have you...

In this hectic world where you are wondering what is right and what is wrong... The Lord has given you the Word, He has given you the example of Jesus... Praise God! But He has given you something else...

- Not of this world
- Something Better

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.(NIV)

- Something Internal

John 14:17-18 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.(NIV)

Jesus inside

If you want to find Truth, you need the Holy Spirit.

If your family is going to traverse the ever changing conditions of culture – you need the Holy Spirit.

You want the truth on being a better husband or wife...?

You want the truth on being a better parent?

You want the truth on how to love each other and stop the constant family fights?

You want the truth on finding the love of your life?

You want the truth on how to honor each other even when you disagree?

You want the truth on where to go and what to do next on your quest to be successful?

YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT – It will lead you into all Truth!

Today is <Pentecost> SUNDAY

What is Pentecost? Greek word meaning 50. 50 days after Passover.. (Old Testament parallel)

Acts 2:1-2, 4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.(NIV)

The Holy Spirit was given to Christians who were living in between 2 of the most difficult cultures.

They lived in the Hebrew Culture... They held on to the Ancient... they rejected Christ and embraced dead religion and legalism.

They lived in the time of Rome. Rome had control of Israel. Rome is all about the Modern. They embrace heady philosophy and physical pleasure and debauchery.

These Christians were being attacked by both sides... Hebrew & Roman... Ancient & Modern...

It was in this scenario that God gave them the Holy Spirit.

It was the Holy Spirit that led them through the worst situations.

Are you going through tough times? Do you have questions? Receive the Holy Spirit.

Do your kids have questions that you don't really have the answers to...?

Are you being pulled in different direction by the culture?

The Holy Spirit is for your family. Your ENTIRE family. IT'S GENERATIONAL

Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.(NIV)

Being a Spirit Filled Christian isn't for a certain demographic... It is for everyone!

The Holy Ghost isn't for perfect people..

Acts 2:36-39 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."(NIV)

These people had just0 killed Jesus 50 days earlier... It is with this heavy heart and guilt they ask "WHAT CAN WE DO?"

Are you in a "what can I do place?" Is your family...?

Peter would tell you that the Promise of the Holy Ghost is for you!

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Acts 19:2-6 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.(NIV)

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

Maybe you have the Holy Spirit... but are you walking in it? Are you walking in the Spirit for your family? Are you walking so boldly in the Holy Spirit that it testifies to your family?

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1st Century Christian Father, Mother, Children

Altar Worship