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WARM UP

What was your favourite thing to play with growing up?
Why did you enjoy?

WORD

Read **Psalm 127:1-5**

In this passage, the writer of the Psalm expresses about the importance of building the way God would have us build our lives. Then, in what seems like a sudden switch in the 3rd verse, it addresses family and children, indicating the “family” way that God builds his Kingdom.

NOTES

1 A family is a refuge of God's peace

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward."

Psalm 127:1-3 (ESV)

When God builds, we can rest without anxiety, because what he builds will clearly outlast us. The psalmist is clearly stating that our children are a heritage of which comes from Him, as a reward that will outlast us. Therefore we can see that we can rest well when we pursue a Christ-centred family as a model in our lives.

- Would you say that you can see the way God is building in and through your family? Why or why not?
 - In what way are you able to glorify God in your family? Does your family know Christ?
 - Are you a part of a spiritual family? How strong are your connections? Why?/Why not?
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2 God builds generationally

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127:4-5 (ESV)

We can see from these verses the likening of children to being arrows being shot out of the bow of a warrior to hit the mark of God's destiny. The God-shaped family is the ideal environment for the young generation to develop in their maturity and callings in life, where they will be "fired" into their destiny.

- Are there opportunities God has given you to pour into the generations younger than yourself? Have you taken these opportunities? Why or why not?
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PRAYER

- Pray for God's opportunities to pour into the next generation.
- Pray that God will help your family grow and experience more of his love.