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BLD NEWARK COVENANT COMMUNITY

A CALL TO WITNESS AT HOME

“Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you..”(Mk 5:19)

Do you remember the times when you found it difficult to relate to your family and understand their needs? Was it not a time of confusion and conflict? We could never understand why our spouse never took the time to take care of us or put more attention to our own needs. We could never understand why we had to forcefully enforce our own agendas on our children, regardless of the situation; when all we ever wanted was to make their lives a lot easier and less taxing. We could never understand why, in our urgent desire to protect them from the ugly realities of life, we were receiving defiance and anger in return. We could never understand why our very own family would not even try as much to understand us. We have battled our inner demons and fought constantly with our conscience trying to find answers to these questions. Why were all these things so hard for our family to understand?

Sound familiar? I cannot imagine myself going back to those dark days. Knowing Jesus and having an intimate relationship with Him is the ultimate life-altering experience that we, as a family, had ever been involved in. Allowing our Lord Jesus Christ to reign in our hearts made us more compassionate and understanding as a family, and we are now more focused in letting Him take hold of our lives knowing that all is well in His hands. Jesus made us change our whole perception of who we are and what family is all about; helping one another, lifting each other to Christ, considerate of each other, but most of all, the happiness that love brings to our lives. An abundant life that only He offers.

I know that I am only living my earthly life on borrowed time, knowing full well that it will come to an end one day and my soul will live an eternal life, but I have been blessed with a wonderful family in this lifetime. I am now a father who knows how to enjoy his children and who loves them dearly. A husband who is devoted and faithful to his wife. Ours is a family who serves the Lord with His grace! I could not imagine living my life for anything better. Now I understand. Now I know why.