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BAPTIST CHURCH

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

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**FAMILY FEUD**

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**SURVIVING CHRISTMAS**

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**FAMILY FEUD  
(Genesis 45:1-3)**

**I. DEAL WITH THE PAST, ENJOY THE PRESENT**

- Lovingly confronting the past helps everyone know what the problems are.

*Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*  
(Proverbs 12:18) NIV

**II. FORGIVE THE PAST, BE FREE IN THE PRESENT**

- It is God's place to judge; it is your place to forgive.

*Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" (Matthew 18:21-22) NLT*

**III. ASK FORGIVENESS FOR THE PAST, FEEL CLEAN IN THE PRESENT**

*David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing." (2 Samuel 24:10) NIV*

**IV. DON'T REPEAT THE PAST, LIVE IN THE PRESENT**

*When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. (1 Corinthians 13:11) NLT*

- Your Christian maturity will help your family change how they treat you.

**V. PRACTICE GODLINESS IN THE PRESENT, HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7) NLT*

- **This Christmas give your family the gifts of prayer and patience.**