COME ONE COME ALL

FAMILY CIRCUS

-A SERMON SERIES ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY-
Ephesians 6:1-4
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  • parents who lift up their children intentionally and thoughtfully.
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The authority that God, in all His sovereignty and providence, has placed in your life.
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Cliff Davidson, Young Life Magazine
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To nourish, to nurture, to bring up, to lift up to maturity, to cherish, to train.
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How will you negotiate a healthy win-win approach?