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**TITLE:** False Solutions to Family Problems

1. **Introduction**
2. **How to Distinguish True and False Hope**
3. **What the World Offers**
4. **What the Church Offers**
5. **12 Characteristics of the Sinful Family**
	1. Worldly ideas and ideals steer beliefs and behaviour
		1. 1 Timothy 6:3-16
		2. Colossians 2:8
		3. Judges 21:25
		4. 1 Peter 1:18
	2. The World’s Paths of Salvation are Studied, Pursued and Advanced
		1. Jeremiah 2:13
		2. Luke 6:46
		3. John 18:36
		4. Matthew 7:21-23
	3. Self Is Elevated, Improved, promoted and applauded
		1. Romans 1:28-32
		2. Philippians 2:3-4
		3. 1 John 2:15-17
	4. Family Relations are hostile, fractured and combative
		1. Galatians 5:15
		2. Ephesians 4:31
		3. Matthew 5:21-26
	5. Prayer is focused on self, directed to self, proud and ungrateful
		1. James 4:3
		2. Romans 1:28-32
		3. 1 John 2:16
		4. Luke 18:11
	6. Sin Is Maintained through holding grudges, shaming others and seeking revenge
		1. Romans 12:17
		2. Galatians 5:19-24
		3. Matthew 5:23
	7. Conflict is kept alive and used to control, gain an advantage and provide satisfaction
		1. James 4:1-17
		2. Matthew 7:5
		3. Psalm 140:2
	8. Communication is harsh, unpredictable and destructive
		1. Ephesians 4:29-32
		2. Psalm 5:9
		3. Psalm 38:12
		4. Proverbs 15:1
	9. Church is not necessary. They hold to a form of Christianity; it is not a reality
		1. Matthew 7:21-23
		2. 2 Peter 3:16
		3. Matthew 15:8
		4. Colossians 2:8
		5. Ephesians 5:6
	10. God-given authorities and roles are usurped, weakened and redefined
		1. Genesis 11:4
		2. Jude 8-9
		3. Titus 3:1-15
	11. Secular and pseudo Christian descriptions of man’s problems and solutions are blended and practised
		1. Colossians 2:8
		2. Matthew 7:15-16
		3. 2 Timothy 3:7
		4. 1 John 4:1
		5. Psalm 1:1-6
		6. 1 Peter 5:8
	12. Parents are permissive and enable children to establish patterns of sin
		1. 1 Samuel 3:13
		2. 2 Samuel 13:21
		3. 1 Kings 1:6
		4. Proverbs 15:5
		5. 2 Timothy 3:16