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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