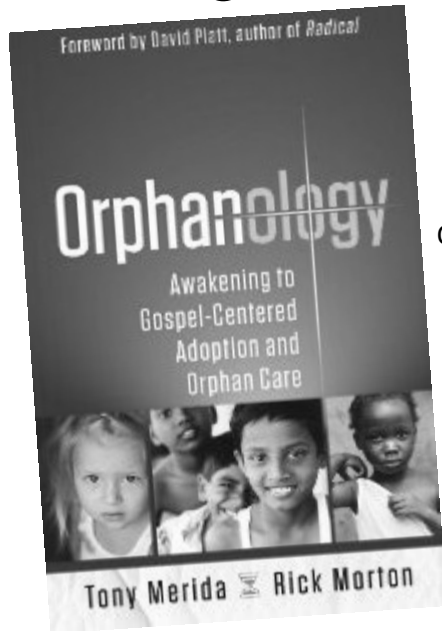


Wanna go to the next level?



Much of what Pastor Terry is sharing over the next few weeks comes from the ideas presented in this book, *Orphanology* by Tony Merida and Rick Morton.

You can get a copy of this book at Family Christian stores (by Target on Miller Rd.) or online at Amazon. Digital copies are available sometimes as low as \$2.99.

Additional Resources:

**Bethany Christian Services**  
[www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)

**All God's Children**  
[www.allgodschildren.org](http://www.allgodschildren.org)

**Hope for the Fatherless**  
[www.centralnazarene.com](http://www.centralnazarene.com)



"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

[James 1:27 NET]

The most powerful adoption in the Bible ... [Exodus 2]

Reaching out to the **FATHERLESS** is never option B ... it's **option A** ... and it **BLESSES** in both directions!

How can I **respond** to this challenge personally?



You can listen or share this sermon online!

# Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

**Monday:** 11.19.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our church

**Passage:** Exodus 2:1-10

**Insight:** Today is a great day to remind ourselves of the story we considered on Sunday. This amazing story of Moses being born at a time when most children were killed is a powerful reminder that no matter the circumstances, God is in control!

As you re-read this story today, how do you see God's provision paralleling in your life? Have you seen God take difficult situations and turn them into good? Do you see this as God's best plan for your or Him adjusting due to the circumstances?

**Tuesday:** 11.20.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Leadership Team

**Passage:** Exodus 3 & 4

**Insight:** Today, let's read more into the story of Moses returning to Egypt. In our reading we see a man on the run. When God confronts Moses through the burning bush, we see multiple excuses of why someone else should go free His people. Moses argues with God so long that He actually gets pretty frustrated over it.

Have you every tried to convince God that the direction of your life is going the wrong direction? Have you every told God every reason why He couldn't use you? Stop it. Say yes to Him and live in obedience - He will provide your every need!

**Wednesday:** 11.21.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our National Leaders

**Passage:** Matthew 18:1-9

**Insight:** If you watch any amount of sports, you'll hear a ton of conversation about who is the best of all time. We seem so consumed by ranking teams, players, coaches and water boys. When Jesus was asked about it, he said no one is greater than these children ... who in Jesus' day were not even considered fully people yet.

Do you ever feel like you don't measure up? Don't worry about it. The standard in God's eyes is simple.

**Thursday:** 11.22.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Your School (teachers, admin, etc)

**Passage:** Psalm 10:12-18

**Insight:** Often in the Psalms, we'll see an author express frustration that the wicked appear to be winning in life. Some things never change. Don't you feel that way, too? But in God's Kingdom, such things are not measured the same way. So what appears to be "getting ahead" on earth, is actually "meaningless" in what matters most.

What if God's ability to "defend the fatherless" were left in our hands? What if WE were to be God's representative to those who are crying out for help? Would we do it? Are we willing to say yes to that call for help?

**Friday:** 11.23.2012

**Prayer Focus:** Our Children's Ministry (baby - 6th gr)

**Passage:** Proverbs 31:8-9

**Insight:** These two verses would be great to put into memory. They are missional statements that we could easily see as our purpose to life. On this Friday, I want to encourage you to spend some time in prayer and ask God to show you how you can be a part of "speaking for those who can't speak" and "defend the rights of the poor."

I will trust that God will show you some ways you can do this. Would you share them with me? Just send me an email at [terry@flushingcommunity.org](mailto:terry@flushingcommunity.org) and let me know how God is challenging your heart. I can't wait to hear from you!

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