

West Valley Church of Christ – April 26, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

**MANAGING THE TEAM GOD’S WAY**

Imagine for a minute that a man is hired to manage a professional baseball team – the Arizona Diamond Backs, let’s say. Imagine the manager doesn’t go to all the games. He only shows up about half the time.



When he is at the ball park, he offers no direction to his players. For example, it is the bottom of the ninth, the Diamondbacks are a run behind with runners on first and third. The team needs to know what to do. Pinch-hit? Bunt to advance the runners? Attempt a sacrifice fly? The players look to him for leadership, but he is silent. Needless to say, his team has a manager in name only. The sad truth is, this is the way many men in America manage their team – their family. By and large, men have not lived up to their responsibility to their families. As a result more and more families are falling apart. The Bible says the man is to be the spiritual leader of his family. The father is to be a loving serving, sacrificial man, which means he is to be a spiritual leader. It begins by following Christ (I Corinthians 11:1). I have noticed that society does not prepare us men or women for this enormous responsibility and privilege to raise godly children. However, by God’s transforming grace, His guidance and direction can be done successfully when you put your faith in Christ.

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