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WHY FAMILY?

Raising a family is still God's timeless plan for making disciples.

THE ORIGIN OF FAMILY

"Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

GENESIS 1:28

"God's plan for creation was for men and women to marry and have children. A man and a woman would form a 'one-flesh' union through marriage (Genesis 2:24), and they with their children become a family, the essential building block of human society."

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY IN THE BIBLE

- Family is to look after and care for one another (Gen. 4:9)
- Family assists in the process of salvation (Genesis 6:18; Acts 16:11-15; 31-33)
- Family is upheld in the Old Testament (5th & 7th Commandments; Exodus 20:12, 14)
- Family is upheld in the New Testament (Eph. 5:22-33; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21)

"I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you."

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 NLT

FAMILY IS A POWERFUL INFLUENCER

- Nothing shapes a person more than his or her family (For better or worse!)
- How many of us promised we'd "never be like that" when we grew up? What happened? The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

MAKING DISCIPLES IN THE HOME

1. TRACK WITH GOD'S COMMANDS

"And now, Israel, listen carefully to these decrees and regulations that I am about to teach you. Obey them so that you may live, so you may enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you. Just obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you."

DEUTERONOMY 4:1,2 NLT

2. TELL STORIES OF PAST AND PRESENT EXPERIENCES WITH GOD

"You saw for yourself what the Lord did to you at Baal-peor. There the Lord your God destroyed everyone who had worshiped Baal, the god of Peor. 4 But all of you who were faithful to the Lord your God are still alive today—every one of you."

DEUTERONOMY 4:3,4 NLT

3. TALK TO THE LORD AND ABOUT THE LORD OFTEN

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

DEUTERONOMY 6:4 - 7 NLT

A PRACTICAL PLAN

1. BE ENCOURAGED BY THE LORD'S UNFAILING LOVE

"I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands."

EXODUS 20:5 - 6 NLT

2. IDENTIFY WHERE YOU'VE BLOWN IT AND START NEW

- Turn from sin (busyness, laziness, apathy, bad patterns) and to the Lord!

3. REFUSE TO OUTSOURCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR FAMILY

"The greatest political storm flutters only a fringe of humanity. But an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children literally alter the destiny of nations." - G.K. Chesterton