Restoring God's Family

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INTRODUCTION

- The idea of adorning your house with these things is that the message of God is front and center to everything that the family is.
- This is just clearly one of the areas where our adversary is focused. He's trying to change how we think about this institution.

1 Why Did God Create the Family?

Genesis 1:27–31; Genesis 9:1–7

- He's involved in these areas because he knows that through the family most often are the first lessons that we learn about God taught.
- The purpose of man and woman coming together is it is to fill and subdue the earth. It is to glorify him.
- Our families ought to be families that honor God. They ought to be families that look the way that God intended.
- Your obligation, where your industry is needed, is to launch your children into the world, prepared to give the godly answer.

2 We Try It Every Way but God's Way

- We didn't have a lot of the problems with the family that we have today until we started trying to fix problems that didn't exist.
- We didn't have to talk about toxic masculinity before we started creating homes without fathers.
- Testosterone is both destructive and creative. And it needs a father to guide it.
- Our problems are not with God's way of doing things, but because we try it every way but God's way.

3 Raising Families Is About the Next Generation

Joshua 24:14–15; Proverbs 1:8–15

- As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord.
- Not only do you love him with all your heart, soul, and strength, you pass that message on to the next group of people.
- Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching.
- Culture is a dangerous place. And this is the real reason why the devil works against the family structure.

4 Men Have to Step Up First

2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1; Ephesians 5:25–33; Ephesians 6:4

- God intends fathers and husbands to be a reflection of the love, compassion, and holiness he has shown to us.
- Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her.
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord.
- Sometimes the understanding way is to say, I don't have the answers. I don't understand the struggle. But I love you like my own flesh.

5 Ladies, Let God Be Seen in You

1 Timothy 2:9–15

- I want for women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly. Not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works.
- Ladies, let God be seen in you.
- God has actually placed you in a place where you give the most important instruction.
- You are the firewall to your children against the onslaught of culture and the devil.

6 Children Learning Obedience and Humility

Ephesians 6:1–3; Ephesians 5:1

- Children obey your parents. In the Lord. Why? Because this is right.
- There is something that associates you with the promises of God when you listen and when you obey, and your instruction needs to be consistent.
- Choosing rather to endure ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin. Can I say that's what we want from our children?
- We're trying to lay a foundation for future godliness with you. So give mom and dad some grace.

THE CHALLENGE

Feeling like I can do better in God's love. By the grace of God, I can be a better husband or father or child or mother.

MY NOTES