

God is the Author of the family and His design for the family has always been A Man His Wife (A Woman) And their Children

Family reflects the very nature and character of God

3 Definitive Biblical Statements

#1- Genesis 1:26- Let us make man in our image #2- Genesis 2:18- It is not good that the man should be alone. #3- Genesis 3:22- Behold the man has become like one of us.

 Connection Belonging Significance Meaning Purpose Community

All people yearn for... Relationship To be known To be wanted •To be needed To be loved To be in a family 3 MAJOR SIMILARITIES that all people groups have in common with one another

#1- Land- A place to call home...this is mine/my dwelling place
#2- Culture- Food, Clothes, Language
#3- Families- Smaller people groups, not created to be individuals (alone)

The family unit is the place we learn to love, God's Love

I Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient Love is kind Love does not envy Love does not boast Love is not proud Love is not rude Love is not self-seeking

Love keeps no records of wrongs Love does not delight in evil Love rejoices in the truth Love protects Love always trusts Love always hopes Love always perseveres Love is not easily angered Love never fails or (gives up)

Our family/home environment is where we learn how to value others and how to value ourselves

The Family/home is the training ground on how to handle life's problems and challenges

How to dwell in relationships
 How to resolve conflict
 How to love and be loved
 The establishment of core values

SELF-LOVE (The core of love)

Is the ONE of the most important developmental childhood trait that we need to learn and receive

Uconditional Love

Mom & Dad tell you they love you... • Based on who you are... • We love you right or wrong, nothing changes our love for you... I love you, no matter what •I love you, you are mine

Conditional Love

Mom & Dad don't really say or express love •I love you , but... •I love you, if ... If you don't, then I won't... My love changes based on your behavior

Not belonging pushes one to isolation, this is Satan's counter to the family.

 God works towards family= gather to bring together
 Satan works to separate = ISOLATE

When you break down a human being you... Isolate them We now collapse Our works become smaller Our problems grow bigger **Satan looks James 1:14** to isolate you... Peter 5:8

How do we overcome isolation and stay intact as a family? #1- Submit- Can't be a rebel *James 4:1- Submit to God **#2- Resist- Push Back** *James 4:7- Resist the devil **#3- Humble Yourself- Reject pride (rights)** *1Peter 5:5-6- Humility is God's power

Our Godly families provide..

Love
Belonging
Protection

• Values

Forgiveness
Companionship

Respect

• Joy

• Happiness

Development

PurposeHope

 Responsibility Mistakes • Giving Celebration • Trust • Feeling