

# Family Matters





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# Boundaries

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God has **good boundaries** set for your life.

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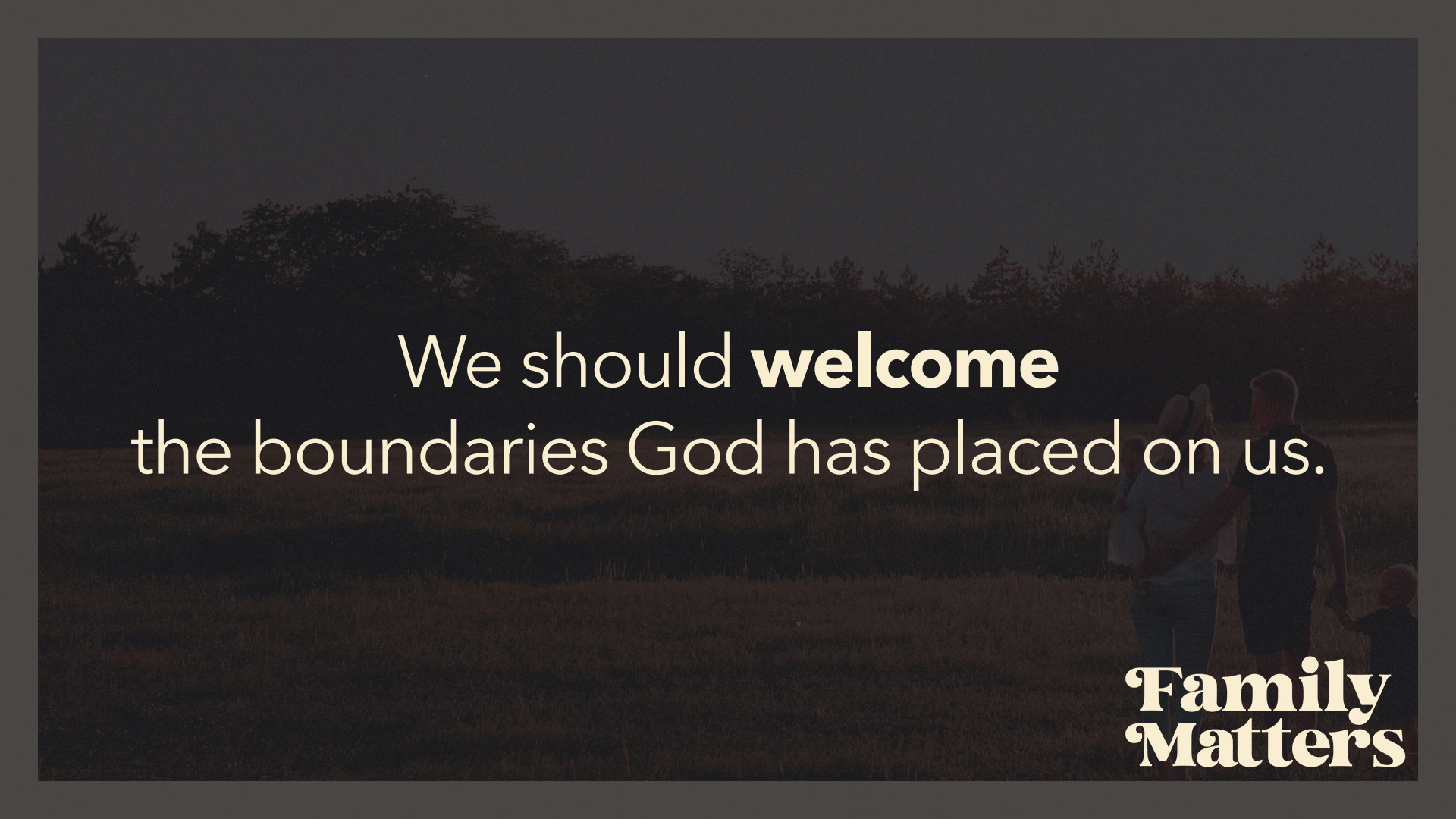
# Psalm 16

<sup>5</sup> LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup> The **boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places**; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

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We should **welcome**  
the boundaries God has placed on us.

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<sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who **counsels me**; even at night **my heart instructs me**.

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, **I will not be shaken**.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my **heart is glad** and my **tongue rejoices**; my body also will **rest secure**,

<sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

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<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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A family of four is walking away from the camera in a grassy field during sunset. The sky is a deep orange and red, and the silhouettes of trees are visible in the background. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children.

God has the **right**  
to put boundaries on your life.

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# Acts 17:24 - 27

"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation**, that they would seek God...

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**Many people reject God's boundaries**

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- "**Rebellion** is as of the sin of witchcraft" - I Samuel 15:23

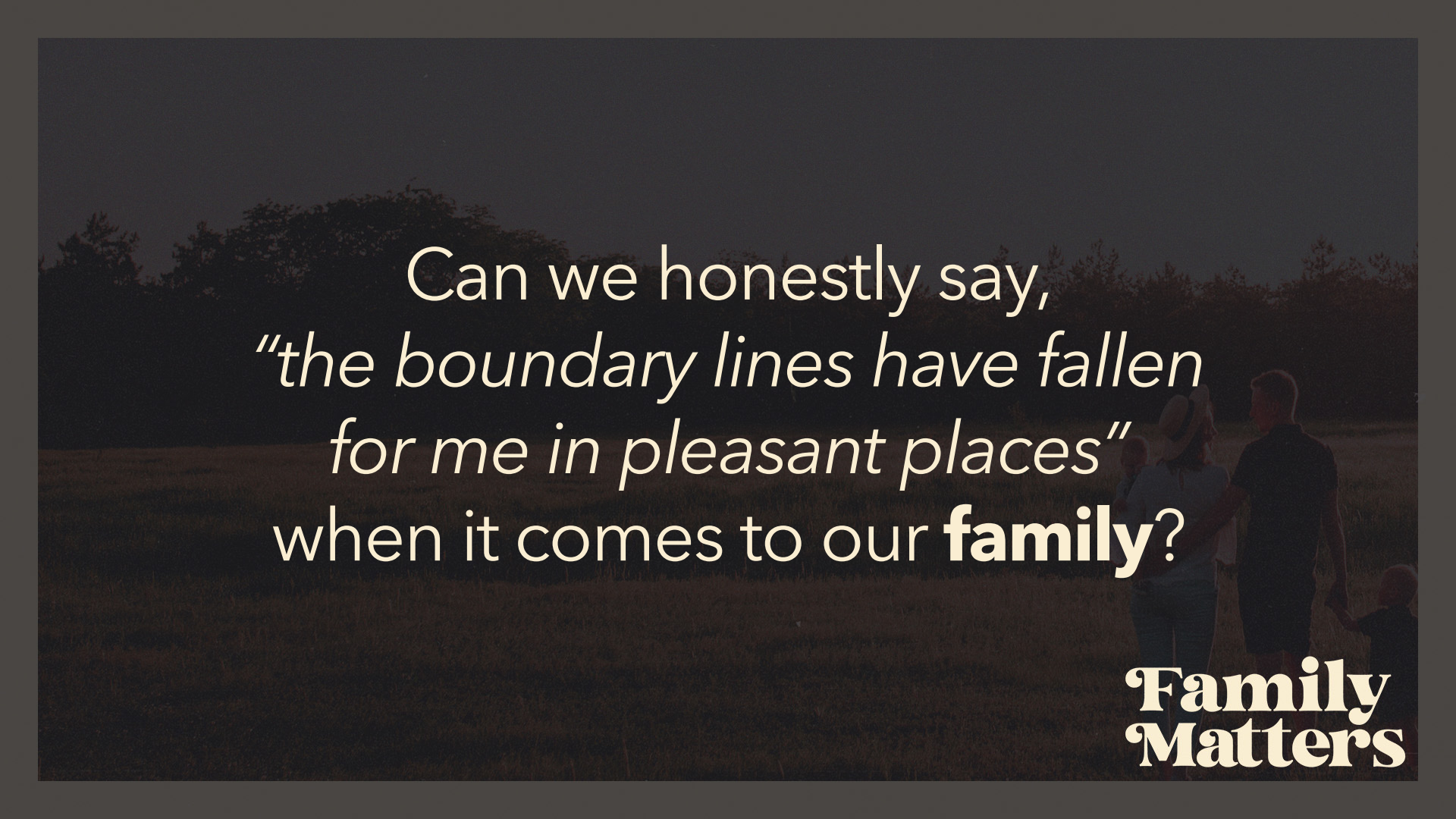
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A family of four is walking away from the camera through a field of tall grass. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow. The sky is a mix of orange and dark blue. In the background, there is a line of trees. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

The creator has the right to determine  
**all aspects of life** for His creation.


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A family of four is walking away from the camera in a grassy field during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children. They are silhouetted against the bright sky. The background shows a line of trees under a darkening sky.

Can we honestly say,  
*“the boundary lines have fallen  
for me in pleasant places”*  
when it comes to our **family**?


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God does not separate  
the **spiritual** from the **relational**.

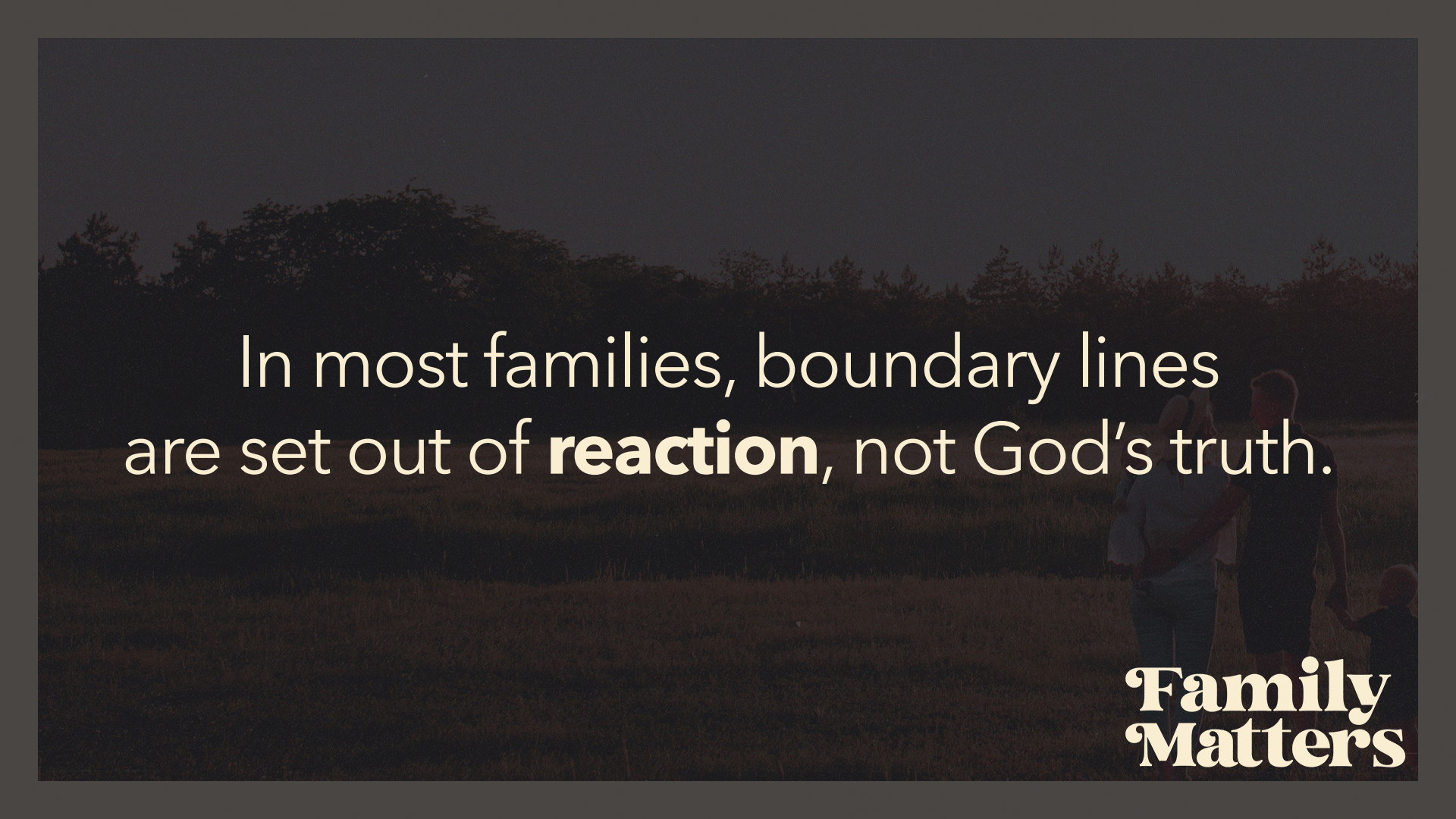
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Fractured **family boundaries**  
are producing **fractured people!**

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In most families, boundary lines  
are set out of **reaction**, not God's truth.

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# God's anger against moving His boundaries

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- Cursed is he who **moves his neighbor's boundary mark**. - Deuteronomy 27:17

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# Children and Parents

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- “Fathers, **do not exasperate your children**, so that they will not lose heart.” - Colossians 3:21

A family of four is walking away from the camera in a field during sunset. The father is on the right, holding the hand of a young child. The mother is on the left, holding the hand of another young child. The background shows a line of trees and a bright sunset sky.

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# Marriage

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- Sex outside of marriage/ cohabitation - 1 Corinthians 7
- Sex within marriage - 1 Corinthians 7
- **Starting a new family** - Ephesians 5:28-31

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# Ephesians 5:28-31

So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. **For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**

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- “Without wood a fire goes out; **without a gossip a quarrel dies down**” - Proverbs 26:20

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# Establishing healthy boundaries

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# Establishing healthy boundaries

- Seek the Lord's counsel for boundary lines.

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# Establishing healthy boundaries

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