

# No Place Like Home – Part 1 – A Winning Game Plan Mark Rouse – mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com September 10, 2017

Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes. – Nehemiah 4:14

### **4 TRAITS OF WINNING FAMILIES**

## 1) WINNING FAMILIES HAVE FUN.

I recommend having fun . . . that way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun. - Ecclesiastes 8:15

Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love... - Ecclesiastes 9:9

Children are a gift from the Lord... - Psalm 127:3

### 2) WINNING FAMILIES ENCOURAGE GROWTH.

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. – Luke 2:52

- **✓** Through EXAMPLE.
- ✓ Through CONVERSATIONS.

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 6:7

#### ✓ Not through <u>CRITICIZING</u>.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. – Ephesians 6:4

# ✓ Not through **COMPARING**.

#### 3) WINNING FAMILIES PROTECT EACH OTHER.

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. – Ecclesiastes 4:12

### 4) WINNING FAMILIES SERVE GOD AND OTHERS.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. – Hebrews 10:24

Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord! - Joshua 24:15