

Message Three: *To Rebuild My Family* **Pastor Shannon Chapman**

God created the Family

• Matthew 19:4-6

God's design for Husbands

- Ephesians 5:25-29
- I Peter 3:7

God's design for Wives

• Ephesians 5:22-24

God's design for Parents

- Ephesians 6:4
- Colossians 3:21

God's design for Children

Colossians 3:20

Rebuilding My Family

1. You must have the <u>right</u> desire.

- Sometimes we grow way too comfortable with our own dysfunction.
- Matthew 5:23-24, So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there

before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

2. Work hard to communicate well.

- Genesis 11:1-9
- Good communication is vital to healthy families.
- James 3:8, But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

3. Stop <u>assuming</u> the worst about others.

• I Corinthians 13:4-7, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

4. Work to reestablish trust

- Luke 17:3-4, So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."
- An atmosphere of mistrust can never <u>foster</u> unity.

God's Family for you:

- God offers Himself as a loving Father
- Provided a wonderful older brother, Jesus, as our Savior
- Sent the Holy Spirit to you could be born again in His family
- Designed the Church to be your extended family