

# ALIVE IN my family

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THE HOLY SPIRIT ALIVE IN MY FAMILY

1 God's Design for Marriage/Family Is Foundational for \_\_\_\_\_ Good.

“ Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness'... So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

~ GENESIS 1:26a, 27, 31a (NIV)

## God's Original Responsibility for Marriage/Family

• \_\_\_\_\_ God's image.

• \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.'" ~ GENESIS 1:28a (NIV)

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“ so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

~ GENESIS 1:26b (NIV)

## God's Reward for Marriage/Family: Blessing (*Intimacy, Unity, Fulfillment, Security*)

2 The Difficulty and Dysfunction of Family Throughout the Bible

- *Adam and Eve*
- *Cain and Able*
- *Noah*
- *Abraham, Sarah and Hagar*
- *Isaac and Ishmael*
- *David, etc...*

### Main Idea

Family is worth fighting for with great vigilance, and the greatest weapon we have is the Holy Spirit alive in our family.

“ But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

~ JOSHUA 24:15b (NIV)

“ 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 4:14b (NIV)

### 3 A Key Weapon In The Spiritual Battle for Our Families is \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **PATIENCE**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

~ GALATIANS 5:22-23a (NIV)

“ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.”

~ JAMES 5:7-11 (NIV)

## Principles for Developing Holy Spirit Patience In My Family

Believe God's plan for my family \_\_\_\_\_ and worth fighting for.

“ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.” ~ JAMES 5:8 (NIV)

Believe \_\_\_\_\_ even when I can't see it.

“ See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.” ~ JAMES 5:7b (NIV)

Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's design, no matter what.

“ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord” ~ JAMES 5:10 (NIV)

## discussion questions:

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- 1- To me the three most important traits of a healthy family are...
- 2- The biggest challenges that I believe families face these days are...
- 3- Review the Biblical examples Pastor Glen gave of dysfunctional families in the Bible. Can you think of any others? Is it surprising to you that so many families in the Bible experience dysfunction? Why does God include those examples?
- 4- Read Joshua 24:15 and Nehemiah 4:14. What is your response to these verses?
- 5- Pastor Glen suggested that keeping a patient or long suffering outlook with my family is a key way to experience the Holy Spirit in your family. Why is patience such a key thing in the spiritual battle for our families?
- 6- Read James 5:7-11. While this passage is not specifically about marriage or family, what do you see as important ways we can put these verses into practice in our homes?

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