

THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF FAMILY

Part 4 of Series REALATIONSHIPS

Getting Real with the People Closest to You

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“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

1. THE FAMILY IS A SHELTER FROM STORMS

“Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.” Proverbs 14:26 (TLB)

3 Storms That Hit Every Home

- The Winds of Change
 - *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven....” Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)*
- The Hard Freeze of Failure
 - *“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)*
- The Cold Rain of Rejection
 - *“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 (NLT)*

2. THE FAMILY IS A GARDEN FOR GROWTH

“May our sons flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants....” Psalm 144:12a (NLT)

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52 (NIV)

Jesus grew in ...

Wisdom – intellectual development

Stature – physical development

Favor with God – spiritual development

Favor with men – social development

- Relationships
- Character
- Values

“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim Your power.”

Psalm 145:4 (NLT)

“And you must think constantly about these commandments I am giving you today. You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (TLB)

3. THE FAMILY IS A FACTORY FOR FUN

“Every day is a terrible day for a miserable person, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.” Proverbs 15:15 (GWT)

4. THE FAMILY IS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR A LIFE MISSION

“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)