Message: "Relationship Rehab Week 2: Fighting for an Awesome Family" Scripture: Nehemiah 4:14

"Don't be afraid... Remember the Lord who is awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes." Nehemiah 4:14

FOUR TRAITS OF AWESOME FAMILIES

1. AVVESOME FAMILIES ARE PLAYFUL.

Solomon: "I commend the enjoyment of life..." Ecclesiastes 8:15

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

"Children are a gift from God." Psalm 127:3 (TLB)

2. AWESOME FAMILIES ENCOURAGE GROWTH.

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with man." Luke 2:52

What Do We Learn From Our Families?

- What to do with feelings
- How to handle conflict
- How to handle loss
- What <u>values matter most</u>

3. AWESOME FAMILIES PROTECT EACH OTHER.

"Two are better than one . . . If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (GNT)

Three storms families often face

- <u>Change</u>
- Harmful <u>ideas</u>
- <u>Rejection</u>

4. AWESOME FAMILIES SERVE GOD AND OTHERS.

"Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NCV)

"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; they gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2

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