

# LOVE IS A BATTLEFIELD

PART 3

## ***FIGHT FOR YOUR KIDS***

Ephesians 6:1–4 Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” 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.

### ***FOUR IMPERATIVES FOR PARENTS:***

#### ***1. FIND FORGIVENESS FOR MYSELF.***

Acts 2:38–39 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children...

#### ***2. FOCUS ON MY FELLOWSHIP WITH MY FATHER.***

Ephesians 1:3–5 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

#### ***3. FOLLOW GOD’S PARENTAL LEAD.***

Ephesians 5:1 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

***KEY WORDS TO REMEMBER: AFFECTION. DIRECTION. CORRECTION.***

Hebrews 12:6 It’s the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

#### ***4. FIND WAYS TO FULLY DEMONSTRATE GOD’S LOVE TO MY FAMILY.***

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.