

# LOVE IS A BATTLEFIELD

PART 4

## ***FIGHTING FOR AN AWESOME FAMILY***

Proverbs 12:7 The wicked die and disappear, but the family of the godly stands firm.

Matthew 7:24–25 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

### ***SIX PRIORITIES OF A STRONG FAMILY***

#### ***1. COMMITMENT.***

Hosea 4:1–3 Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel! The LORD has brought charges against you, saying: “There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land. You make vows and break them; you kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere— one murder after another. That is why your land is in mourning, and everyone is wasting away. Even the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea are disappearing.

#### ***2. TIME TOGETHER.***

Ephesians 5:15–16 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

#### ***3. APPRECIATION.***

2 Thessalonians 1:3 You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it’s a must. We *have* to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it’s only right that we give thanks.

#### ***4. COMMUNICATION.***

Ephesians 4:29 Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

#### ***5. COPING SKILLS.***

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 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...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.

#### ***6. SPIRITUAL HEALTH.***

Joshua 24:15 ...But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”