

Family Banner (TAC)

Friday, June 26, 2026

8:04 PM

Intro:

Luke

Matt

Ian

Fourth of July Party at Properties 2-5pm

Luke

Well good morning Arising Church! It is Sunday, June 28th, 2026. To start off, before we do anything else, we are going to get right into the scriptures, look at what Psalm 20 declares

Psalm 20:5 (ESV)

5 May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

Church, His salvation has come to into this place today, amen? Is there anyone in this house who can give victorious shouts of joy in the name of our God? (Hallelujah!!!!) We couldn't be more excited to be here with you, and it's an honor to stand alongside these two brothers bringing the Word.

This is going to be an **essential** message for many reasons. We have the great privilege of building upon a word that was first shared by our brothers, fathers and father in-law from Life Changing Ministries seven years ago this week!!!! And make no mistake—this is a message our body needs right now.

Church, we are asking that you hone in on what we are about to say...

The truths and principles that we will go through today must not be forgotten or ever treated lightly. They establish our identity as the people of God, deepen our understanding of our responsibility, and reveal the standard by which we are called to live. They are worth writing in the

margins of your Bible, impressing upon your own heart, teaching diligently to your children, and returning to often.

Before we dive into today's message, we want to briefly recap what the Lord has been speaking to us over the last several weeks through our brothers and pastors. These messages have been equipping us to become like the men of Issachar in 1 Chronicles 12:32—a people who understand the times we are living in and know what is required of us.

Matt

Were you guys blessed by “**The Inheritance of Our Fathers**” from Pastor Ben, Ike Naselli, and Cae Willis?



They reminded us that we are not the beginning of God's work, nor will we be the ones to finish it—however, **each of us is a steward of an inheritance**. Throughout Scripture, and as we learned from our older brother, the people of Israel, God advances His Kingdom through generations of faithful fathers raising faithful sons. Like the people of Israel, we have received cities we did not build, wells we did not dig, and fields we did not plant because others labored before us.

But the message didn't stop there. We saw the identity of how fathers and sons are to operate, but we were also challenged to recognize that most of us are living in the "middle man" position, and **now** it is our responsibility to diligently cultivate it, add to it, and faithfully pass it on to the next generation. We were never called to simply enjoy the fruit of those before us, but step into the same labor as they did and to prepare the ground so that sons can go even further.

The next message we learned from Pastors Chad, Asa and Nick was “**The Writing on the Wall**”



Through the life of Daniel, we were reminded that those who know the Scriptures are the ones that can read the “writing on the wall.” Rather than being surprised by the shifting of kingdoms or the times of great trouble, the people of God possess the wisdom to discern what God is doing and understand how to respond.

The message also challenged us not to be ignorant of God’s covenant purposes for Israel, **but to be wise Gentiles who know their God and make many understand and turn toward righteousness.**

Church, we will be a people who know God’s Word, discern the days we are living in, faithfully shine as lights in the darkness, and prepare many for the days that lie ahead.

Ian

And Finally, from last week by Pastor Peter, Pastor Asa, and Tony Perez!!!
We heard "Stand In The Fire"



Through the lives of Abraham, Moses, Daniel, and the nation of Israel, we were reminded that God's covenant people have always stood in the fire without being consumed. From Ur, to Egypt, to Babylon, and throughout every generation, Israel has remained faithful through the flames, proving that the fire was never meant to destroy them, but to refine them, reveal His glory, and draw them nearer to Him.

The message also challenged **us**, as those who have been grafted into God's covenant purposes, to embrace that same calling—to stand faithfully in every fire, willingly draw near to the presence of God, and allow every trial to refine us into His image.

Church, **together with Israel**, we will be a people who stand in the fire with joy, trust the Master Refiner, and come out of the fire reflecting Christ more than when we entered it.

Are you guys now ready to dive into today's message??

Luke

Biblical Banner Background:

We are going to begin the message today in the very beginning of the book:

- **Genesis 1:14–16 (ESV)**

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for **signs** and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

What we see here is that God established the heavens with the sun, moon, and stars—greater lights and lesser lights. But did you catch that their purpose was not merely to give light to the earth? God also said, “**Let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.**” In other words, they were not only created to mark time, but to help God's people discern the times and seasons.

Matt - build anticipation for the slide

(Read Highlights)

‘OT - BANNER, SIGN, MIRACLE

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James Swanson, Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

The word translated "**signs**" is the Hebrew word 'ot ('oth). It refers to a visible sign or mark that identifies, distinguishes, confirms, or reminds. **A sign points beyond the immediate moment to a greater reality that God is revealing.** It serves as a reminder of His purposes and His covenant.

One of the fascinating ways this word is also understood is as a **battle banner**—a visible standard that identifies who you belong to and rallies God's people around His purposes.

Which bring us to the title of our message:



Ian

Church, as we just saw in Genesis, the heavenly bodies do more than tell us when to sleep and when to wake. God established them as miraculous signs—as a battle banner—to remind His people of the battle we are in and the times we are living in.

Let's take a look at a time when God used the sun very practically as a battle banner for his people!

- **Joshua 10:12–13 (ESV)**

12 At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“Sun, stand still at Gibeon,
and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,
until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

When fighting a battle against 5 kings, Joshua prays a very specific prayer, not just for victory, not just for strength, rather he prays that the sun would stand still.

Why does Joshua need the sun to stand still? God had already assured victory to Joshua wherever he went. Why then does he pray this prayer? For sure it's hard to fight in the dark. A deeper principle that we can see through the word is that this was a sign to the nation. God was giving a supernatural sign.

In a battle there can be confusion, fear, and trepidation, but the sun in the sky was a banner pointing the Israelites to continuing in one direction... to Victory.

Luke

Listen to what one commentator has to say about battle banners:

READ SLIDE:

HISTORIC USE OF BATTLE BANNERS

IN MILITARY BATTLES IN THE PAST, STANDARDS WERE IMPORTANT DEVICES TO LET THE SOLDIERS KNOW WHERE THEIR DIVISION WAS. OFTEN WHEN THE BATTLE WAS GOING AGAINST THEM, THEY WOULD BE COMMANDED BY TRUMPETS OR OTHER MEANS TO GATHER AROUND THE STANDARD, SOMETIMES AS DEFENSE AND SOMETIMES TO REFORM THEMSELVES FOR ANOTHER ATTACK. IF THE PERSON CARRYING THE STANDARD FELL TO THE GROUND AND THE STANDARD WAS NOT RETRIEVED BY ANOTHER SOLDIER AND LIFTED BACK TO THE AIR SO THAT IT COULD BE SEEN BY ALL, IT COULD CAUSE GREAT CONFUSION AMONG THE SOLDIERS, AND EVEN CAUSE THEM TO LOSE THE BATTLE.

JAMES M. FREEMAN AND HAROLD J. CHADWICK, MANNERS & CUSTOMS OF THE BIBLE (NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ: BRIDGE-LOGOS PUBLISHERS, 1998), 164.

Expound if needed

Let's look at another story in Joshua where an actual physical object is raised up as a sign to direct the people as to when to attack.

As we are reading this, remember that this is after Joshua, and all Israel had lost a battle at Ai and have just gotten back up to fight again. Also remember, that God had already promised victory, yet he had a specific way he wanted to bring about that victory.

- **Joshua 8:18–19 (ESV)**

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand.” And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 And the men in the ambush rose quickly out of their place, and as soon as he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it. And they hurried to set the city on fire.

God tells Joshua to "stretch out the Javelin that is in "his" hand toward Ai." When this happened the men QUICKLY rose and fought the battle! The men see this "sign" and are victorious.

Matt









Preaching points

- Trepidation to lead the family in what the Lord has shared with you.
 - The fear of potential loss due to what you see.
 - The fear of loosing due to previous losses.
 - The fear of looking foolish and not inspiring the troops.
 - The fear of additional commitments and other relational fallout.

Joshua did not give way to fear, he rose the spear and rallied the troops to the call of God!

Conceptually, this is not much different from what we have been learning in Daniel foundations. Daniel and his companions found themselves in Babylon—the fires of confusion. Though they were not fighting a physical battle, the culture around them sought to surround them with a "fog of war" type state.

Do not Read

<h2 style="text-align: center;">TRYING TO CHANGE YOUR IDENTITY</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>An attempt to replace their God-given identity with Babylonian identity</i></p>				
REAL NAMES	MEANING		NEW NAMES GIVEN	MEANING
 DANIEL	<i>"God is my Judge"</i> – Easton's Bible Dictionary	➔	BELTESHAZZAR	<i>"Bel's Prince"</i> – McClintock and Strong Encyclopedia 
 HANANIAH	<i>"Gracious Gift of the Lord"</i> – Nelson's Bible Dictionary	➔	SHADRACH	<i>"Command of [the moon god] Aku"</i>  – Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible
 MISHAEL	<i>"Who is like God?"</i> – Easton's Bible Dictionary	➔	MESHACH	<i>"Who is what Aku is?"</i>  – Holman Bible Dictionary
 AZARIAH	<i>"Yahweh has helped"</i> – Holman Bible Dictionary	➔	ABEDNEGO	<i>"Servant of Nego"</i> – New Unger's Bible Dictionary 

Babylon changed the names of these four Jewish youths in an attempt to re-orient them, redefine their identity, and keep them from the spiritual battle God had called them to.

But these men did not fall prey to Babylon's deception. They held fast to the Lord and to the Scriptures as their battle banner, finding clarity and direction in the midst of the fires of confusion. Because they refused to compromise their identity, they themselves became signs—a visible testimony of God's faithfulness to those around them.

Like the men of Issachar, they understood the times they were living in, discerned what God was doing, and knew the banner they were called to rally to!

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Teutoburg/national anthem

This concept of battle banners rings true throughout all ages of warfare, and it wasn't until modern times with radio communications that banners began to become less important in battle. Historically, if your banner was held high you could succeed, if your banner had fallen it was a sign of total defeat.

- Star spangled banner
 - Most powerful nations consistent gloat not over military, but over the banner

Listen to one account of Roman Battle Standards

Read Slide

ROMAN EAGLE BATTLE BANNER

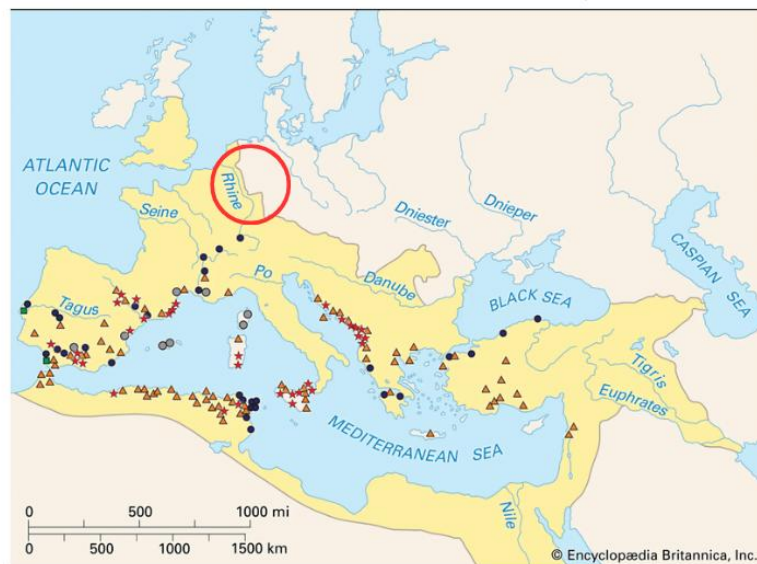
EVERY LEGION CARRIED AN AQUILA [EAGLE BATTLE BANNER] AS AN EMBODIMENT OF ROMAN SPIRIT; LOSING IT WAS THE ULTIMATE DISGRACE.

Encyclopedia Britannica; "Battle of the Teutoburg forest"
<https://www.britannica.com/event/Battle-of-the-Teutoburg-Forest>

This was so true, that when Rome lost a banner when expanding northwest into Germania, the Caesar mourned for months, not just over the defeat, but over the loss of the banners.

EXTENT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN AD 117

- Pre-Caesarian colony
- Caesarian colony
- Caesarian municipium
- ▲ Augustan colony
- ★ Augustan municipium
- Boundary of the Roman Empire at the death of Trajan—AD 117



Read slide

CAESAR'S RESPONSE TO A LOST BANNER



THE HISTORIAN SUETONIUS WRITES THAT AUGUSTUS WENT MONTHS WITHOUT CUTTING HIS BEARD OR HAIR—A SIGN OF MOURNING IN ROMAN RELIGIOUS TRADITION—AND OFTEN WAILED, “QUINCTILIUS VARUS, GIVE ME BACK MY LEGIONS! [EAGLE BATTLE BANNERS]”

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Do you see? Without the banner marking their forward motion, without something glorious to rally behind, without a symbol of their victory, the people gave into fear, discouragement and confusion. When this defeat occurred, Rome's expansion on that front stopped. The banners had been used to rally, inspire and lead the troops, and now that they were gone, the armies could not productively advance the kingdom.

After this battle was lost, they still tried to expand further, but their efforts were to no avail. Once the banner was gone, northeast expansion stopped.

Luke

Read Slide

NUMBERS 2:2 (ESV)

**“THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL SHALL CAMP
EACH BY HIS OWN STANDARD, WITH THE
BANNERS OF THEIR FATHERS’ HOUSES.
THEY SHALL CAMP FACING THE TENT OF
MEETING ON EVERY SIDE.**

In Israel, not only did Joshua's javelin serve as a battle banner, and not only did the sun become a banner over the battle, but every father's house was also given its own banner—a visible testimony and sign that rallied every member of the family to the fight.

The word for **banner** here is once again the Hebrew word '**ot**—a sign, a testimony, and a visible reminder of God's supernatural calling and purpose.

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These banners for Israel were banners/standards that showed the people were to rally, they were very physical objects, but they represented something much deeper. They were testimonies to the miraculous acts that God had accomplished for that family, a reminder to be passed down throughout the generations!

Matt

You may remember from foundations that the arrangement of the sons of Israel would have looked something like this during the time of the Exodus.



You can see on the screen some of the banners that were traditionally associated with the tribes of Israel. While these were physical banners given to God's chosen people in Numbers, we can learn from our older brother, Israel, and raise up a banner over our own families as well.

Just as Joshua prayed for his banner—the sun—to remain lifted over the battle, so too must, your family have its banner raised high, if it is to stand firm. And just as Joshua lifted his spear in obedience to God's command to begin the battle, we also must raise the banner God has entrusted to our families if we are going to faithfully fight and win the battles before us.

If you have been feeling the fog of war, distraction, apathy, or confusion in any way, it is because you are not looking to your God Given banner! If you want to win the fight at hand, you will need a banner. Just like the Roman battle we learned about, if you lose your banner, you may find yourself completely unproductive! Your family Needs a banner!

Ian

We are about to go through how YOU can construct your family banner but before we do, we want to share a scripture:

Philippians 2:15–16 (ESV)

15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world**, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Testimonies/Boasting

Personal shining

Ian

Luke

Matt

Pastors shining - Asa & Chad

Church shining - Remnant church, ETC

Church Plants shining - Betlemme, RCM

These principles that we are about to go through were handed down to us from LCM and have thoroughly impacted each of us. These are things that have and are shaping our families, and we are confident they will shape yours as we learn to master these concepts together.

Let's jump into 7 mentions of the word 'ot That will teach us how to construct a banner that our families can run to! (ASPECTS)

Luke

- **Supernatural Sign - Heavenly Transformation yields a Mezuzah**

FAMILY BANNER

1. BANNER – SUPERNATURAL SIGN: THIS YIELDS A MEZUZAH - DEUT 7:19-20



- **Deuteronomy 7:19–20 (ESV)**

19 the great trials that your eyes saw, the **signs**, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20 Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed.

The banner over your family is your supernatural, radical, heavenly conversion. It began on the day you were born again, born of the substance of Heaven, and died to your old life of sin. From that moment on, your life became a visible testimony of God's saving power. That supernatural transformation is the banner your family is called to raise before the world and faithfully pass on to the next generation.

We see this pattern in Deuteronomy 7:19–20. Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God commanded them to remember the great signs and wonders He had worked in bringing them out of Egypt. Their past deliverance was to become their confidence for future battles. In the same way, your conversion is not merely your testimony of what God has done—

it is the banner that reminds you of who He is and gives your family confidence to face whatever lies ahead.

Having a banner, something for your family to run to, starts with a supernatural transformation

- **Ian's Testimony -**

- Looked good but knew I was dead inside
- Blood ear/thumb/big toe & priests/ lepers
- Transformed set apart wholly
- Set on a pattern toward a Mezuzah - Call others to wholehearted work and reveal the father's heart.

- **Zechariah 6:15 (ESV)**

- 15 "And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the LORD. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

- **Malachi 4:6 (ESV)**

- 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

- **Matt's Testimony**

- Prior, afraid and unsure of authority given by God
- Insecure in marriage.
- God said, "you are mine, your family is mine, your home is mine and the world can never have you back again."
- Transformation- pursuing peace in marriage, leading the family Rom 12
- Received calling - To Lead Others into the revelation of God's goodness.

- **Luke's Testimony**

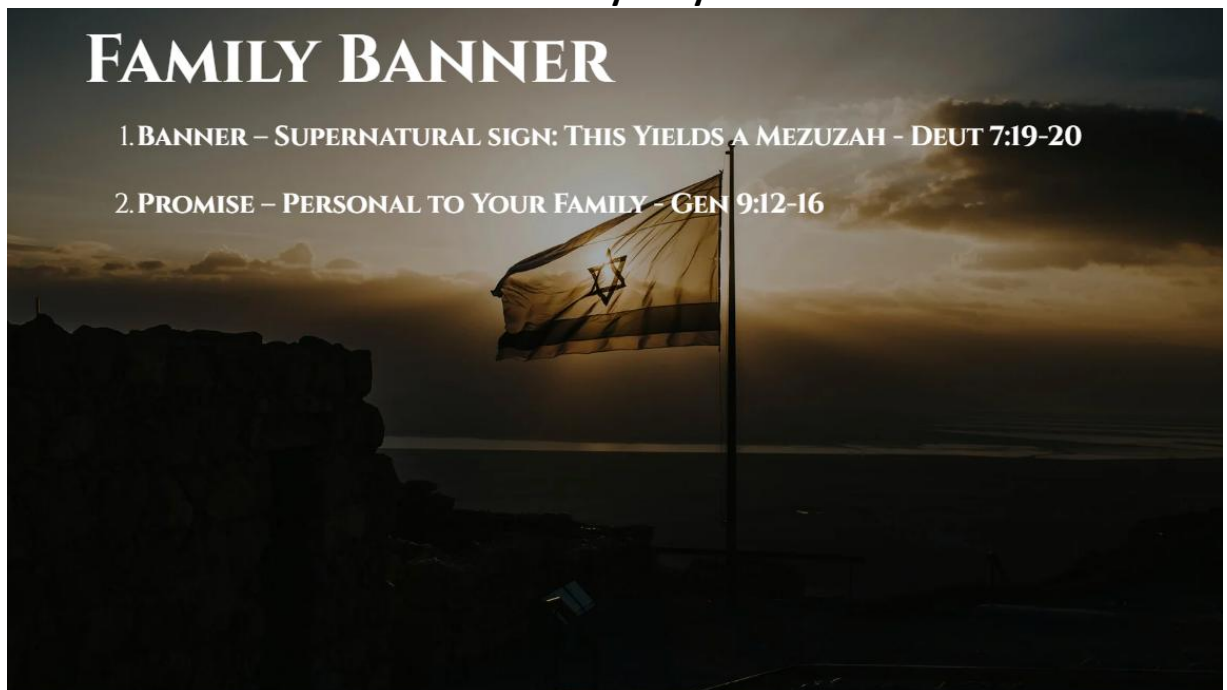
- Arising in 2017
- Spoke to be baptized,
- Wanted to leave, Spoke to me to stay - spirit filled
- Guys house
- continual testimony/discipleship

PREACH/PASTOR THE BODY WITH THESE QUESTIONS:

- What is your transformation testimony?
- **Do you have one? - PASTOR/PREACH TO THEM**
- What is your God-given mezuzah—your purpose and calling?
- Does your family know it?
- Do you and your family continually rally around it?
- Is your banner something that your spouse and your children can visibly see, remember, **and carry forward?**

lan

- **Promise - Personal to Your Family: As you Walk in Your Mezuzah**



- **Genesis 9:12–16 (ESV)**
12 And God said, “This is the **sign** of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting

covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

When we read Genesis 9, we often think of the rainbow as God's promise to all mankind that He would never again flood the earth. While that is certainly true, don't miss who first received that promise. God gave it to Noah and his family. The rest of the world benefits from a promise that first became part of Noah's Family Banner.

In the same way, God has given promises to each of our families that are meant to shape our identity and direct our lives for generations. Those promises become the banner we rally around, anchoring us in every season and positioning our families to become a blessing to the world around us.

Ian's promises

- Felt like I needed to be better to be accepted
- God told me he has made me his son and WILL make me the man who everything I think do and go if from him!

Mark 4:26–29 (ESV)

26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Luke's promises -

some of the promises He has continually impressed upon the Ledesma household comes from

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV1984)

58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- The promises that the Lord has given the Ledesma family with **Kingdom work** that is an absolute joy to labor in, but it is impossible

apart from Him. Yet He has promised to strengthen us and help us faithfully complete every assignment He gives us.

- Once that work is complete, **He will faithfully lead us into whatever He has next.** The God who sends us is the God who goes with us.

Matt's promises

- Before, riddled with fear of failing.
Isaiah 48:15 (NIV)
¹⁵ I, even I, have spoken;
yes, I have called him.
I will bring him,
and he will succeed in his mission.
- This verse does not say anything about being perfect, but does about succeeding in his mission.

QUESTIONS

- What promises has God given to you and your family?
- Do you know them?
- Does your family know them?
- Have you drifted from them?
- When fear, confusion, or insecurity comes, do you return to those promises?
- Are those promises the banner you continually raise over your home?

Matt

- **Attitude - Everyone Who Walks Under the Banner**

FAMILY BANNER

1. BANNER – SUPERNATURAL SIGN: THIS YIELDS A MEZUZAH - DEUT 7:19-20

2. PROMISE – PERSONAL TO YOUR FAMILY - GEN 9:12-16

3. ATTITUDE – EVERYONE WHO WALKS UNDER THE BANNER - GEN 17:11

- **Genesis 17:11 (ESV)**

11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a **sign** of the covenant between me and you.

In Genesis 17, God gave Abraham circumcision as the sign of His covenant. This sign required a full-price attitude. It was not easy, convenient, or comfortable. It was painful, humbling, and demanded complete trust and obedience to God.

In the same way, when God transforms our lives, He also shapes the attitude of our families. He forms humility instead of pride, obedience instead of compromise, holiness instead of worldliness, perseverance instead of quitting, and wholehearted devotion instead of divided hearts. These attitudes become part of our Family Banner, and we must hold on to them with everything we have. They are what distinguish God's people and enable us to faithfully represent His Kingdom.

Matt's Attitude-

Psalm 126:5 (ESV)

⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

Proverbs 13:4 (ESV)

⁴ The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,

while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

Ian's Attitude (Isa 62:6-7 Will Not Rest)

Isaiah 62:6–7 (ESV)

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.
You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,
7 and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

Psalm 132:4–5 (ESV)

4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Luke's Attitude

One of the defining attitudes of the Ledesma Family Banner is to faithfully cultivate wherever God plants us.

Genesis 2:15 (NIV1984)

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

No matter where God plants us—whether the ground is familiar or unfamiliar, fruitful or difficult—our attitude remains the same: to cultivate what He has entrusted to us, making it beautiful and pleasing to the Lord and a blessing to those around us.

Psalm 37:4 NASB95

3 Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness

Our trust in the Word of God and our commitment to do what it says determine our attitude—not our circumstances or environment. The Ledesma family will cultivate faithfulness wherever God plants us, leaving every place more fruitful, more beautiful, and a greater blessing that advances Gods Kingdom.

- What is the attitude you continually hold before your family?
- What attitude are you teaching, modeling, and expecting your children to carry?
- When circumstances become difficult, does your attitude change, or does it remain anchored in the Word of God?
- Is your family's attitude one that faithfully represents the Kingdom of God?

Luke

- **Mission - With Supernatural Components**



- **Exodus 3:11–12 (ESV)**
11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 He said, “But I will be with you, **and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.**”

Moses asked for a sign to show that God would be with him. Church is this not many times what we do? And what was the Lord's response? In verse 12 it says WHEN Moses brings the people out of Egypt. In other words, the confirmation was found in faithful obedience. The sign that God is with you is not that He continually gives you new confirmations, but that you obey what He has already told you to do.

Church your mission is not to constantly search for something new. Your mission is to faithfully finish what God has already given. You don't need a thousand confirmations along the way—you need to complete the last assignment the Lord gave you. He has nothing to prove to us, WE have everything to prove to him.

Jesus said His food was to do the will of the Father and finish His work. In the same way, faithfully carrying out God's mission—whether you see immediate results or not—produces vibrancy, strength, and joy that sustains your family.

Your Family Banner doesn't require one fixed assignment for every season. It requires a family that approaches every assignment with the same unwavering mindset: to faithfully complete whatever the Lord has entrusted to them.

Matt's Mission

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

- No coincidences, the Lord is with us- Josh 1:8-9, never at a disadvantage. We are not Payauys and word, We are transformed individuals living out the word.

Luke's Mission

In the Ledesma Family Banner, we remain unmoved in carrying out the mission God has entrusted to us, no matter the cost.

Acts 20:22-24 NKJV

And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

In the Ledesma household, we will not count our own lives, comfort, or ambitions as more valuable than the mission Christ has entrusted to us. Instead, we want to faithfully finish our race with joy, knowing that there is no greater privilege than completing the work the Lord has given us to do.

Ian's Mission: (Deut 32:47)

Deuteronomy 32:47 (ESV)

47 For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

- When God has given us a mission from the word, and spirit, and it is attested to by the brotherhood, we will NEVER bend. If things are easy we continue, if things are hard, we continue, if things look like they have failed, we continue until the mission is accomplished! No matter how hard it gets, these missions are not a burden to us, they are our very life!)

- (Present team mission)
- Does your family know the mission God has given you to accomplish in this season?
- Are you wholeheartedly pursuing that mission here and now?
- How many confirmations do you need to stay on the mission (you shouldn't need any! Once god has spoken to you by the word and attested to it by his spirit and the brothers nothing should stop you!)

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- Method - Found in Our Tribal Arrangement



- **1 Samuel 14:6–10 (ESV)**

6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.” 7 And his armor-bearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.” 8 Then Jonathan said, “Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9 If they say to us, ‘Wait until we come to you,’ then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. 10 But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hand. And this shall be the **sign** to us.”

The method to complete your mission is to do it with BROTHERS! Who has God placed in your life that you need to work alongside of to accomplish all God has called you to?!

Realize that your brother's have a different banner than you and learn to appreciate their banner and appreciate your own banner's role in your brother's life as well!

Luke - OAE, Morrisons & Wilsons

Matt - Eric Mcleland -The best of scribes, Even a better friend

Ezra 7:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

-It is said prophecy is pattern. Who notices patter better than Eric.

Ian - Caleb:

- We approach things VERY differently often times, but together the LORD's will is revealed. (Think of the tribal allotments displaying God's glory only together!)
- Over the years the Thomases have become a refreshment for us! They are a comfort to us! And the empower us to accomplish the battle properly
- The Morrisons are who the Morrisons are because of our partnership with the Thomases!

ALL SAY TOGETHER! YOU NEED A TEAM AND THE TEAM NEEDS YOU!!!

- Don't let the differences with your brothers divide you, Embrace the differences as they reveal God's will together!
- Learn to lean on your brothers at all times, they will help orient you to the battle at hand. Christ
- Remember, it is not "you" have the mind of Christ it is WE have the mind of Christ!

Luke

- **Curses & Blessings - Come from your banner**

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4. MISSION – WITH SUPERNATURAL COMPONENTS - EX 3:11-12
5. METHOD – FOUND IN OUR TRIBAL ARRANGEMENT - 1 SAM 14:6-10
6. CURSES & BLESSINGS – COMES FROM YOUR BANNER - DEUT 4:34

- **Deuteronomy 4:34 (ESV)**

34 Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by **trials**, by **signs**, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Do you see what God did for Israel? He blessed them by bringing them out of Egypt. But before they experienced the blessing of deliverance, they first had to endure the hardship of Egypt. God judged the gods of Egypt through mighty signs and wonders, yet Israel still had to endure the oppression, witness the plagues, and then spend years being refined in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land.

In the same way, every Family Banner comes with blessings and with trials, or curses, that are uniquely suited to that family's calling. The very hardships God allows are often the means He uses to develop us, prepare us, and teach us how to faithfully carry the blessing He intends to bring through us.

Ian - As my wife and I were praying about this we realized that ours is we will often raise up those closest to us to be better than us and then plant

elsewhere. This is something we feel God has revealed to our family and it is both our highest joy, and causes great sorrow as our close friends are continually sent out.

Luke's curse -

One of the curses of the Ledesma Family Banner is that after much investment, labor, and seeing the beginnings of fruit, the Lord has often called us to leave and go somewhere else. There is a real cost in saying goodbye to people we love and places where we have poured out our lives.

Yet that is also one of the blessings of our banner. By faithfully going wherever the Lord sends us, we have the joy of advancing His call, cultivating what He entrusts to us, establishing it as a blessing for others, and then doing the same again wherever He leads us next.

Matt - Our blessing is that we had the privilege to participate in raising disciples who go on to be the closest of friends as we let our light shine for all to see.

We encounter trials and fires like any other follower and minister of Yeshua.

Matt

- **Family Is the Banner**

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- **Isaiah 8:18 (ESV)**

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Isaiah is saying that he and his children are signs. That is the word 'Ot'ot.
PLURAL

What did it mean that Isaiah's family were signs? Read what is said a little before this passage.

- **Isaiah 8:11–13 (ESV)**

- 11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: 12 “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

In an age when no one knew what to believe, when people saw conspiracies everywhere and feared many different things, Isaiah and his family stood upon the Rock and became a sign for others.

Ian

Isaiah and his family did not give way to fear, confusion, or—get this—**conspiracy**. They stood on the words God had revealed to them. Because of this, they became a battle banner for those around them—an immovable rallying point that demonstrated what God was truly requiring of His people.

As you stand under your banner, and as you and your family rally around it, those around you will immediately be confronted with the true battle God is calling this generation to fight. They will see in you a sign of stability instead of confusion, motivation instead of apathy, confidence instead of conspiracy, and clarity instead of fear.

You and your family are becoming signs as you implement this, shining stars in the midst of a warped and crooked generation. Remember back in Genesis: the lights in the heavens were placed there not only to give light and mark the seasons, but also to be signs—*'ôt*.

The point is this: your activation in the Kingdom and your movement in the direction of God through your family banner, your battle banner, was designed to make you shine as an example to the decaying world around you.

We all know the end of the story. We all know there are more battles ahead, and that they will only intensify. We can either become paralyzed, confused, or insecure about our role, or we can raise the battle banner, the promises God has spoke, even if we find ourselves in the midst of the fog of war.

By raising this banner, you will shine like the stars in the sky, becoming not only a sign to the people you encounter, but also a sign to the heavens that the plan of God is at work.

Luke

Closing:

LEAVE SLIDE UP AT END

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- Some of you need to revisit the way you came into the Kingdom. Was it truly a supernatural transformation, where your old life died and Christ gave you a new one? There can be no other variant, for this is the banner upon which every family in the Kingdom is built.
- Some of you need to revisit the Promises God has given you... Have you deviated from them?
- Some of you need to revisit the Attitude that you walk around with... There can be no digression from what the Word says it must be
- Some of you need to persevere to the completion of the Mission God has given you... No one who departs from the Mission should think they will inherit the Kingdom
- Some of you need to take a serious look at your methods... There is no divergence in the way that God operates. Whose vision would you die for other than your own? Who do you need to complete the task and who needs you. God operates in plural unity and so must you.

- Some of you need to stop the fluctuation of the flesh. You serve Jesus faithfully when you're experiencing the blessings of your Family Banner, but disappear when you're carrying its curses. There can be no wiggle room.
- Many more of you need to take your Family as seriously as God does. A Hero outside the Home and a Hog inside the Home, neglecting your first and most important ministry, being your spouse and your families... You see your calling as everywhere except the one place God wants to build your Family Banner

We started out this message talking about how to win the battle ahead! We began by talking about the importance of a banner to look to in the fog of war. Now we have just presented you with seven pressing questions about whether or not

We are opening up the altar (some may already be up there), but we are not looking for an altar encounter alone. The next step is to hold up your family banner, to run to it, to kick confusion to the curb and enter into the clarity of calling God has already revealed to you.

Don't leave any excuses, you have been given a calling pursue it! Whether you know every aspect or not, start walking in what you DO know and trust God will reveal the rest!

Church this is something you CAN accomplish and it is what will keep you productive. The application is not only to write down something special for your family, but to live by these principles.

Check "family banner #1" (Banner- Supernatural Sign)