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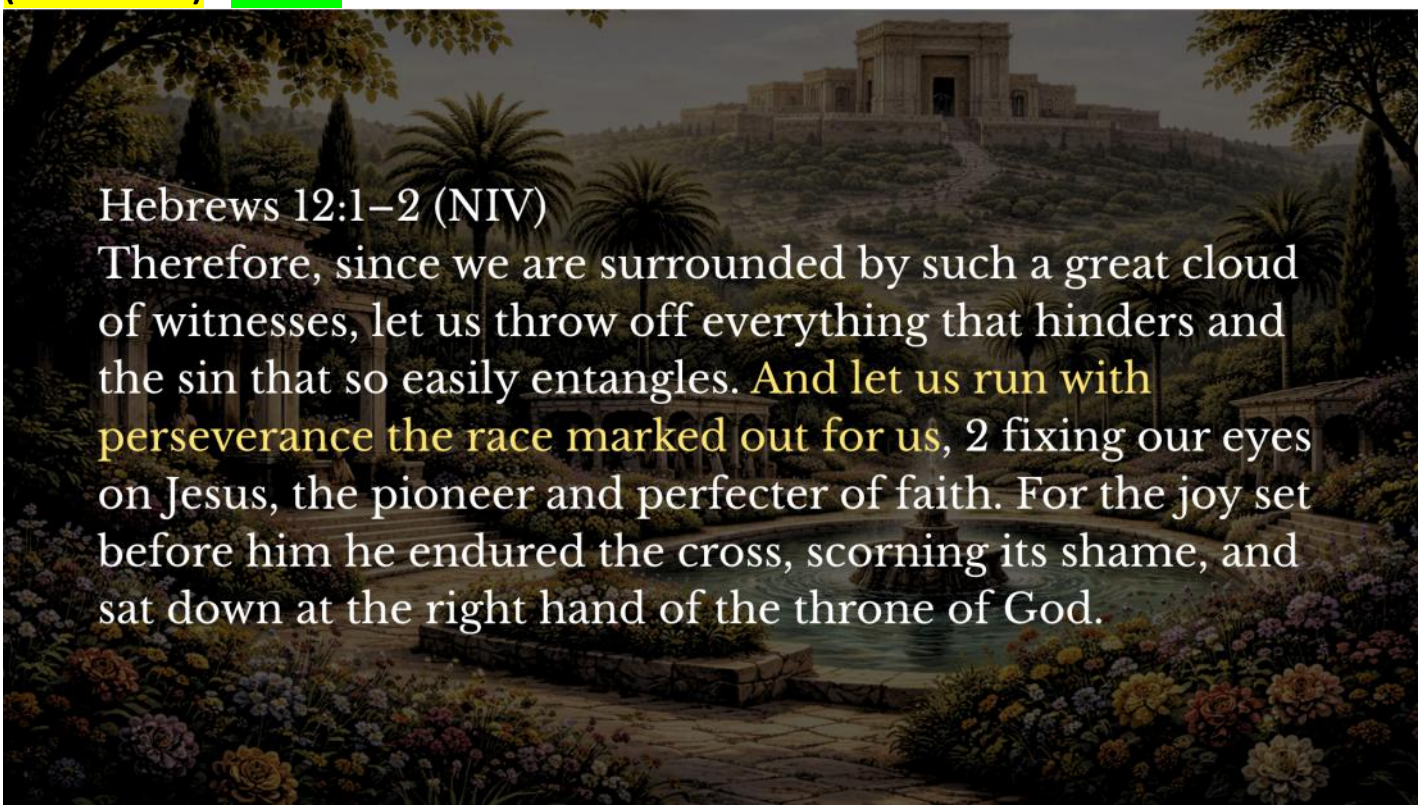
Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:00 PM

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Good Evening Arising Families,

Welcome to our final night of Marriage Enrichment! Tonight we will be covering the topic of Your Covenant and your family vision!

Nick intro anything??

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Looking to Jesus
-lay aside every weight and sin
-the race marked out for us (you have a race that you are supposed to run)
-Jesus looked to the goal, the reward God had for Him
-He understood His purpose, His focus, His vision
Your family has a race marked out for them.

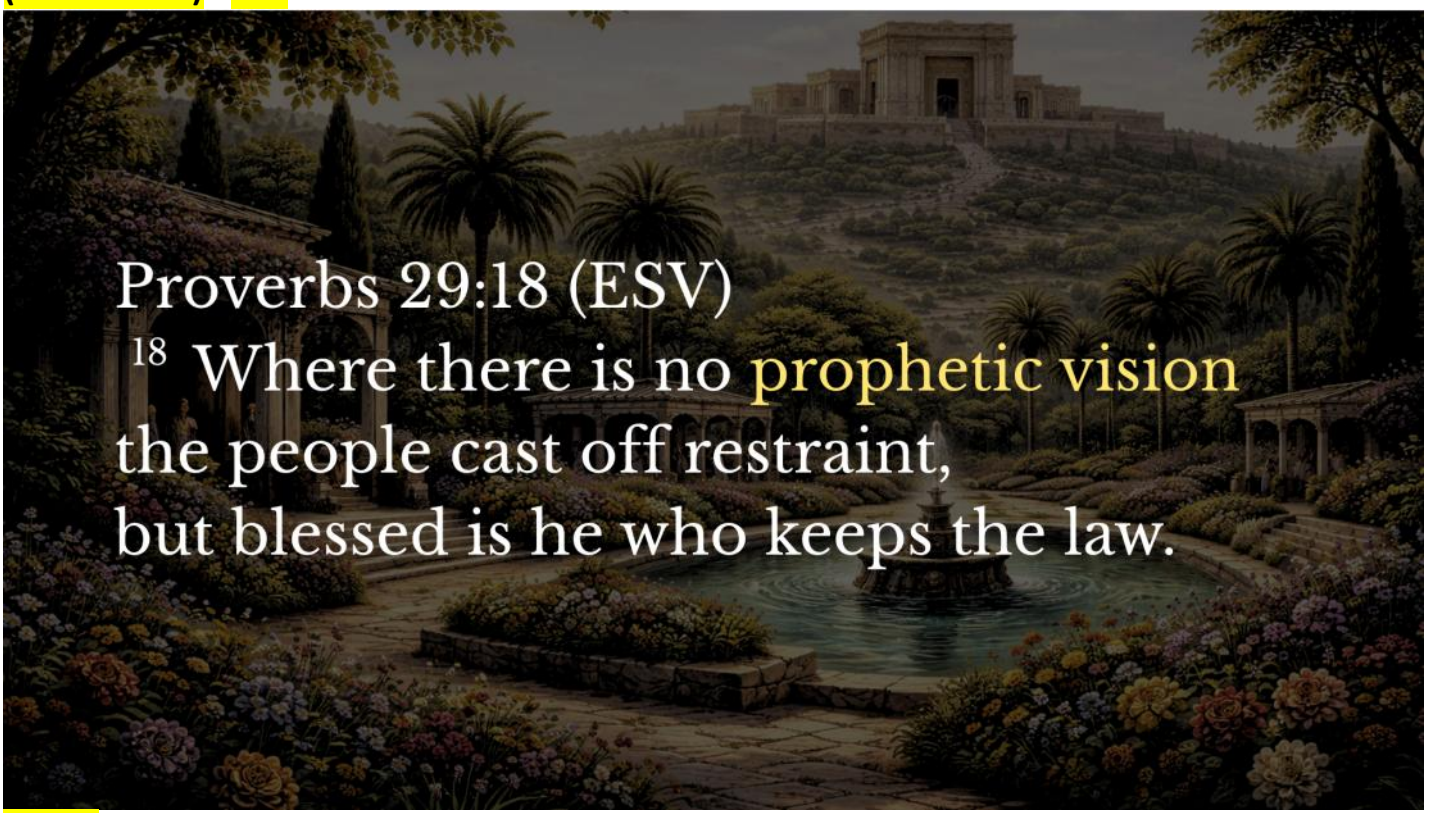
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-There are works prepared in advance for you to accomplish
-You have been put here on the earth and **joined together** to reach the goal of your race and finish the work assigned to you.

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-without prophetic vision, your family will cast off restraint



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-We first build our lives around the Word

Key Takeaway reminder as you build your life on the Word (as you run your race, your vision develops)

1. Cultivate the Spirit in one another
2. Your marriage is designed to reflect the character of God
3. Fight the Lord's battles together
4. Find the will and mind of the Lord together
5. Cultivate secure and exciting intimacy

Building your family around the Word of God will bring about the right battles and you will have to fight them the right way. Men you will have to initiate these battles when you see a discrepancy between the Word and the way you have lived up until now. As you fight to make peace continue to cultivate healthy intimacy.

Abraham, a man of vision

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- **Genesis 18:17–19 (NIV)**
  17 Then the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?
  18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all
  nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him,
  so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep
  the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will
  bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

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The Lord revealed to Abraham what He was going to do because He was keeping the Lord’s way

The Lord revealed to Abraham what was to come because he was following the Lord’s commands

God will naturally develop your vision and carry out His purposes in your life as you follow His commands and teach your family to do the same.

The topics we have covered in the previous lessons are built on the commands of God.
Husbands as you lead your wife in living by the Spirit and putting the flesh to death, embracing Biblical order within your home, making unified Godly decisions, and cultivating healthy intimacy the Lord will bring about His purposes in your marriage.

LYNDIE

- **Genesis 12:1–4 (NIV)**

  The Call of Abram
  12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and
  your father’s household to the land I will show you.

  2 “I will make you into a great nation,
  and I will bless you;
  I will make your name great,
  and you will be a blessing.
  3 I will bless those who bless you,
  and whoever curses you I will curse;
  and all peoples on earth
  will be blessed through you.”

  4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

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-Abraham did not know all the details when he began.
-The Lord spoke and he obeyed
-Obedience leads to further clarity.

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- **Hebrews 11:8–12 (NIV)**

  [8] By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. [9] By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. [12] And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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-Responding to the Word of God will naturally lead you into your inheritance.
-You will not know all the details of where He is leading you
-Keep your eyes fixed on the goal (this is what it means to live with vision)
-Remember Abraham and Sarah built this together, God's promises were brought about through her trust
-Your God given vision will be fulfilled through those you raise up
-God continues His promises to Abraham's children

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To Isaac

- **Genesis 26:4–5 (NIV)**

  [4] I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, [5] because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions."

To Jacob

- **Genesis 28:13–15 (NIV)**

  [13] There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your

descendants the land on which you are lying. [14] Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. [15] I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

-He will not leave until He has done what He has promised

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- **Galatians 3:29 (NIV)**
  [29] If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

-You are Abraham's children by faith
-He will accomplish the work He prepared in advance for you to do as you lead your wife in living by the Spirit and putting the flesh to death, embracing Biblical order within your home, fighting the right battles the right way, and cultivating healthy intimacy the Lord will bring about His purposes in your marriage.

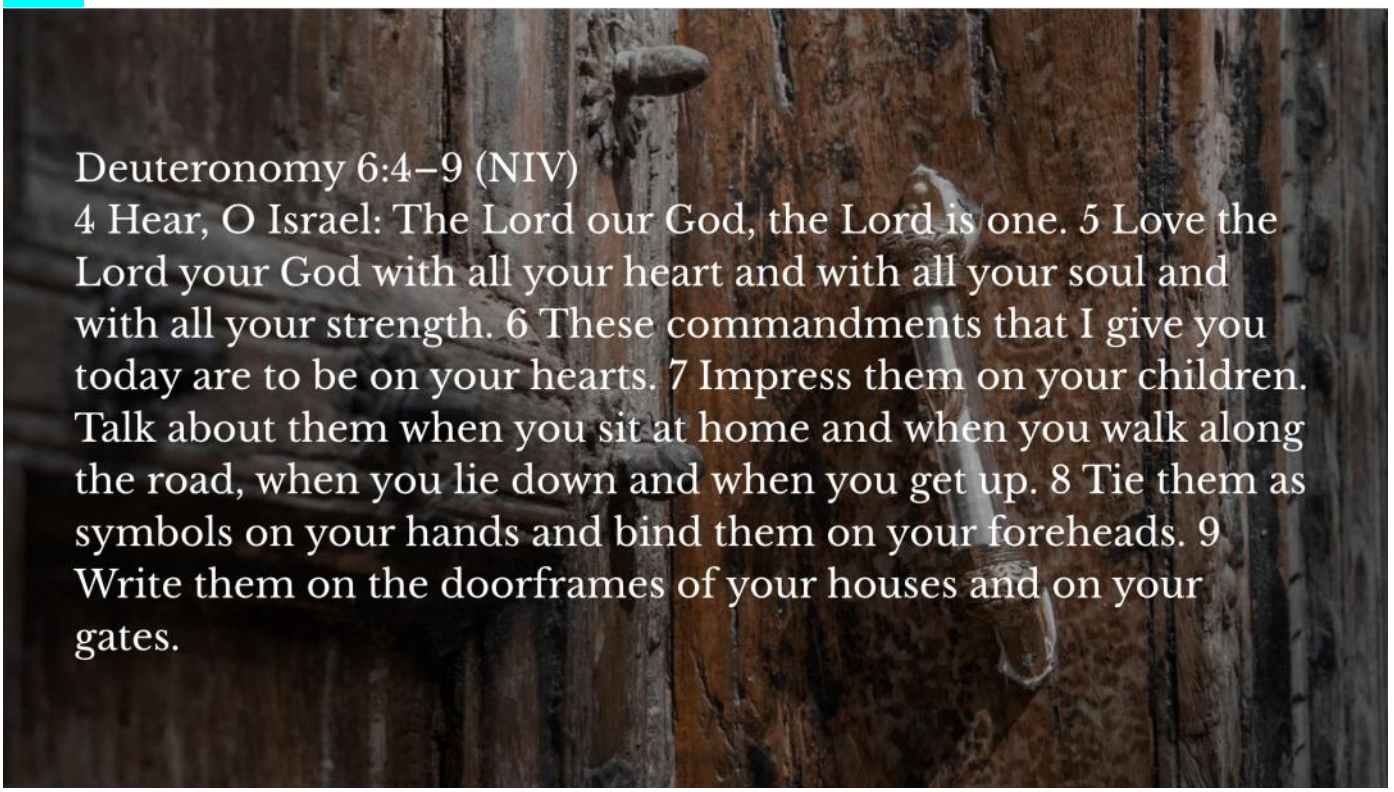
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Developing your family's vision statement



Many of you in here have heard us talk about family mezuzahs. The mezuzah is a small box with a scroll inside with an inscription of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 on it, which says,

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Jewish people will place a mezuzah containing these words on every doorway in their home. It serves as a reminder of the commands of God. Every time they come in and go out, they are reminded of why they exist.

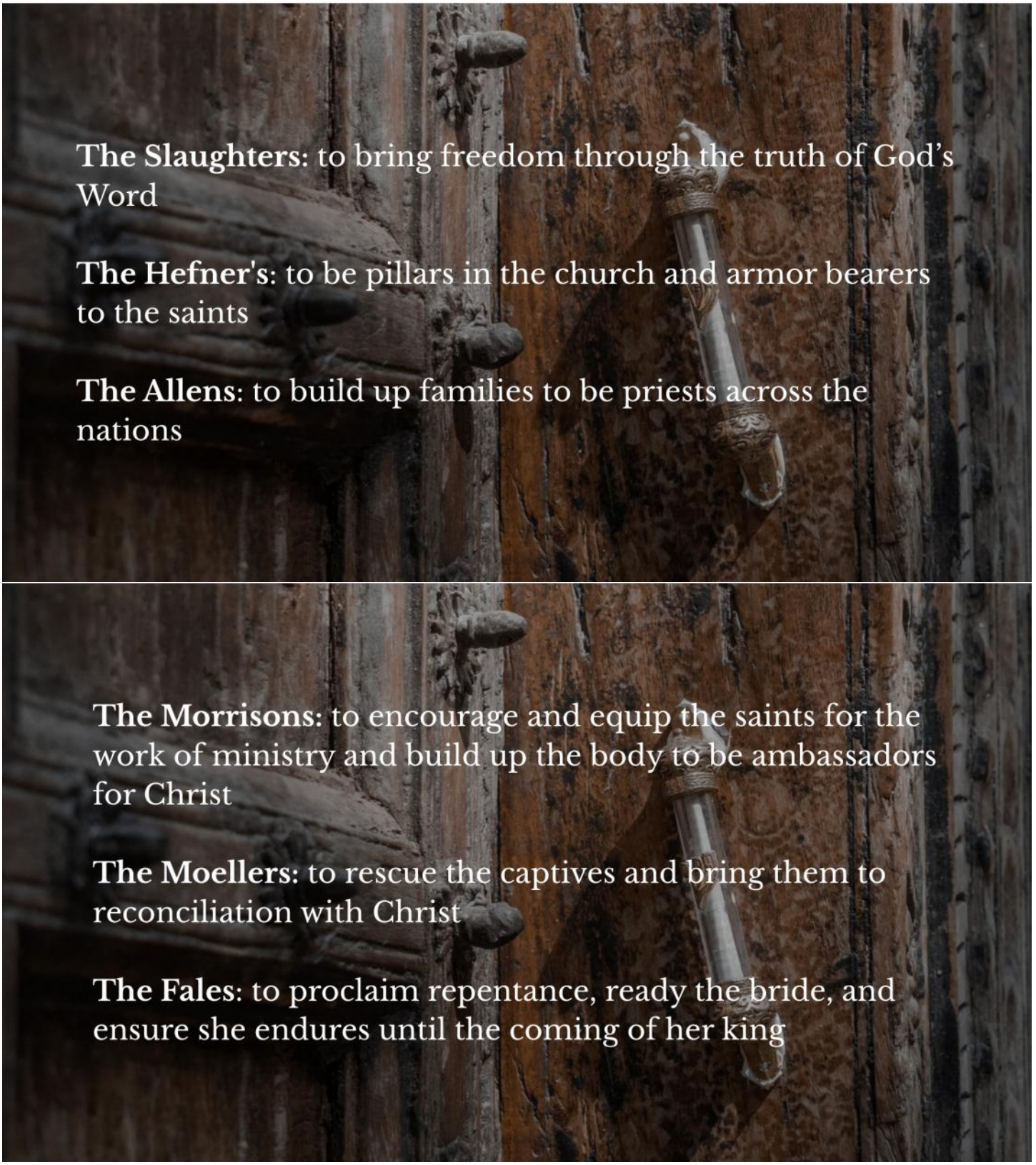
We stole this idea from the Jews and wrote our family's vision statement to place inside to remind us why we exist when we come and go.

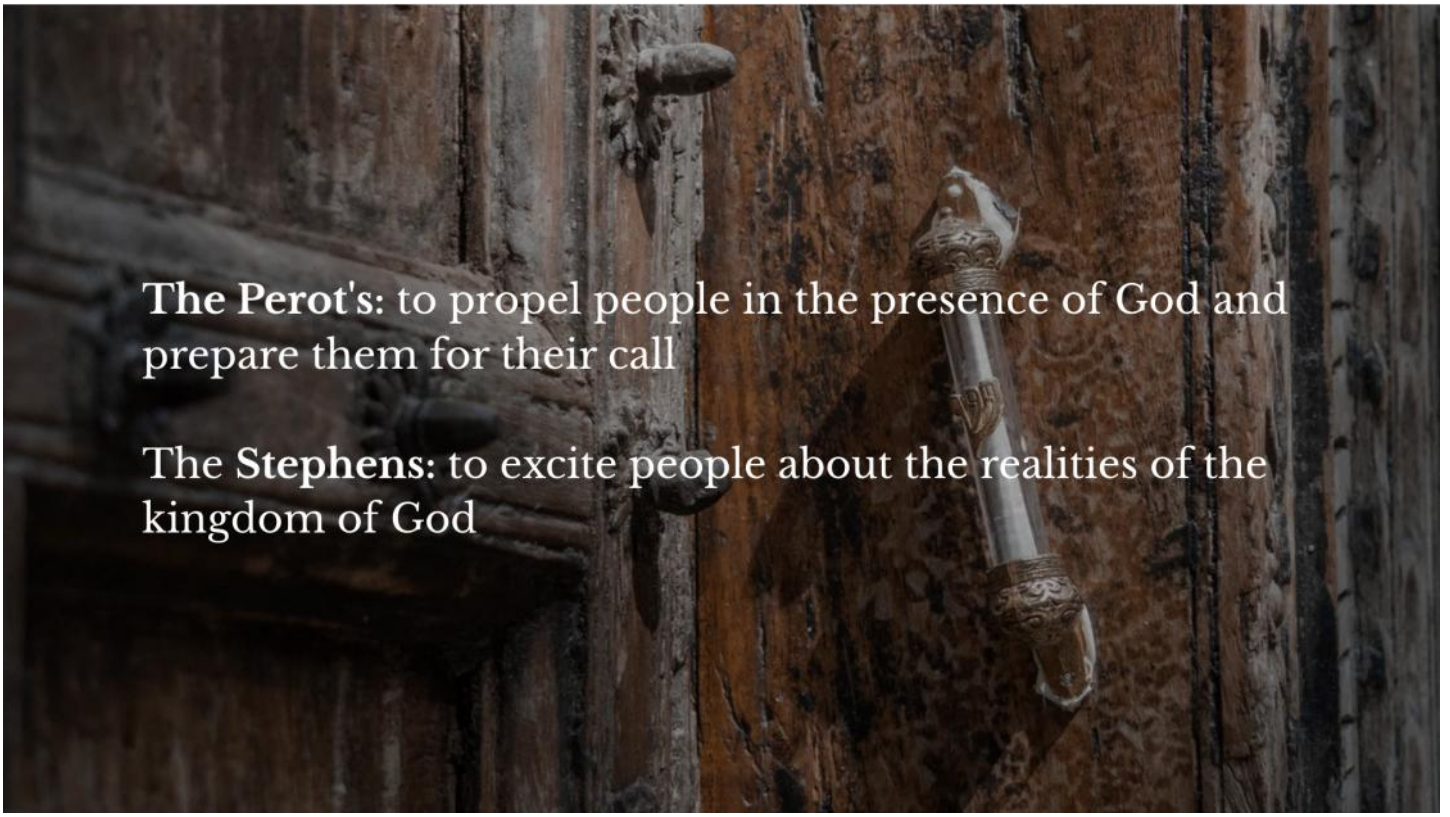
Families have also taken their mission statement and turned it into art and hung it in their homes.

Whatever you decide to do, seek the Lord for an understanding of the work He has prepared in advance for you to accomplish. Ask Him to help you put words around the race He has marked out for your family...your vision.

We want to share with you some vision statements from some of the pastors and Elders

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The Slaughters: to bring freedom through the truth of God's Word
The Hefner's: to be pillars in the church and armor bearers to the saints
The Allens: to build up families to be priests across the nations
The Morrisons: to encourage and equip the saints for the work of ministry and build up the body to be ambassadors for Christ
The Moellers: to rescue the captives and bring them to reconciliation with Christ
The Fales: to proclaim repentance, ready the bride, and ensure she endures until the coming of her king



While these may seem simple at first, can you see how applicable they are to each of our lives?

***ask for 3-5 Mezuzah's from the tables**

Vision helps remind us who we are when we don't know what to do in any given situation. It keeps us busy with the work He has given us to do.

As we bring this six lesson series on Marriage Training to a close, let's remember that God started with the marriage between a man and a woman and it culminates in the marriage between our Lord and His bride. He is for your marriage and desires to display His glory in it. We are excited for what the Lord is doing in your marriage.

Husbands as you lead your wife in living by the Spirit and putting the flesh to death, embracing Biblical order within your home, fighting the right battles the right way, and cultivating healthy intimacy the Lord will bring about His purposes in your marriage.

***pastors hand out cards - take some time to write your mezuzah on a stone to carry with you every day - share with your table after**

Share your developing family vision with your table and talk with them through

these things as you continue to put them into practice. We pray for blessings and the peace of God in your life, your marriage, your children, and those to whom you will minister.