



"GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY

"Homeland Security Part 2"

Joshua 23-24

Oct. 13, 2013 A.M. Worship

1. It Requires a Family with _____

- ✓ Family Integrity Begins with a Covenant Marriage
- ✓ We Must Be Ready to Fight for Our Family
- ✓ Integrity Demands That We Set High Standards

2. It Requires a Family to Set _____

- ✓ Boundaries Give Children a Strong Sense of _____
- ✓ Make Your Rules Few and Firm
- ✓ Setting Boundaries Rules Out Being Passive or Permissive

3. It Requires a Family That _____

- ✓ Bless Them with a Picture of a Healthy Marriage
- ✓ Bless Them with Words of _____
- ✓ Bless Them with a Knowledge of the _____

4. It Requires a Family to Teach Their Children the Priority of _____

- ✓ Sexual Sins Forms Bonds That Are Powerful and Destructive
- ✓ Sexual Sins Offend God by Defiling What Should Be Holy

✓ _____ Should Be Our Children's Best Source for the Truth About Sex

5. It Requires a Family to Teach Their Children the Necessity of _____

- ✓ Be the One Who Sets the Standard for Your Children
- ✓ Take the Discussion To A Higher Level

6. It Requires a Family to Have _____ for Victory in the Area of Sexual Purity

Our Response:

1. The only way to have a love that will last a lifetime and a great marriage is to love the Lord Jesus first. Do you have that personal relationship with Him? If not, then why not do that today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord (the Boss).
2. In order for you to grow, you need to be plugged in to a church. If you do not have a church home, and God has called you to be a part of **Petal FBC**, then step across the line today and join! We need you and you need us!
3. Is your marriage in trouble today? Seek help in the Lord first! Then seek help with a close friend, pastor, our counselor. Just don't give up! Be willing to fight!
4. Look at these areas – Where do you know that you need to work on as a family? **Setting Boundaries:** Do you know the boundaries? Do your children? Are you **Blessing** Your Family? Do your children feel blessed? Are you blessing them with the right things? Do you have a plan to teach them about **purity and sex**? We are going to provide some resources for you to help in this crucial area...

MAKING FAMILIES WORK: FAMILY FIRST

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October 6, 2013 AM Service

1. We Must Be Committed to Instill Godly Traits in Our Children

- Instill Confidence, Conviction, Character, Compassion, Competence, & Love for the Church

2. Both Parents Must Be Committed to Take a Stand for the Family

3. The Church Must Be Committed to Take a Stand for Future Generations

1. It Requires a Family with Integrity

Integrity means whole or complete [See Eph 5:22-6:4](#)

✓ Family Integrity Begins with a Covenant Marriage

Get married is not like going to get a driver's license, it is covenant, not only between the two of you, but between God. Spiritual Issues, Intimacy, Communication, & Finances

✓ We Must Be Ready to Fight for the Integrity of Our Family

Used to be Ozzie and Harriet to Ozzie and the Osbournes
We must be willing to fight for our family [Eph 6:10-13](#)

✓ Integrity Demands That We Set High Standards

We don't just bail out when the going gets tough, we work at, go to counseling, do whatever it takes. Don't settle!!

The other extreme, is well, I won't marry again, I'll just live with them. 2 things, you are married and you aren't truly committed.

2. It Requires a Family to Set Boundaries

✓ Boundaries Give Children a Strong Sense of Security

It begins early, don't wait until they are 5 to do this, you start when they are young. The boundaries include you are the parent, they are the child, they shouldn't dictate or run the family. That is giving them way too much control.

Children need that sense of security, and one of the best ways they find that is in some sort of a routine, a schedule, some clear rules and boundaries. The exciting and difficult part is helping them

learn true freedom within the boundaries God has set for them just like He has for us.

✓ **Make Your Rules Few and Firm**

Let your children know what they are up front, it helps in the discussions in the long run, they know where you stand.

ILLUS: *Sundays and church*, (certain times things can happen)

Helps you not get as frustrated either, you're grounded for a month! Realizing you have just sentenced yourself and you have to stick to it, or give in and appear weak

✓ **Setting Boundaries Rules Out Being Passive or Permissive**

Passive, it will just all work out, leave them alone they will be fine. Permissive, we'll they are going to drink anyway, let them drink in the confines of my home where I can supervise them!

3. It Requires a Family That Blesses

✓ **Bless Your Children with a Picture of a Healthy Marriage**

Notice we said here not perfect, but healthy. It means there will be disagreements, but they see how you work through the conflict!

✓ **Bless Your Children with Words of Affirmation**

Little notes, look for ways to affirm them. Harder sometimes to do than correcting them. I was proud of you when, I saw the Lord at work in you when, Letters at critical junctures in the life!

✓ **Bless Your Children with a Knowledge of the Word**

Let them see and know and understand how important God's Word is to you and to your family. It's really what this series has been about, the key component being the family worship time.

ILLUS: *See Page from Book*

4. It Requires a Family to Teach Their Children the Priority of Purity

This is critical parents and church. We must teach as never before the importance and necessity of purity in our sex saturated society that only grows worse everyday.

We need to be teaching our children and students that God is not against sex, He is for it, He created it! What God is against is the perversion of it, that makes it out be dirty instead of sacred. We need to help them understand that God is not keeping sex from the, but is

keeping it for them to be expressed in the way He intended that will bring the most joy and fulfillment possible!

✓ **Sexual Sins Forms Bonds That Are Powerful and Destructive**

There is no such thing as casual sex. You are playing with fire!

ILLUS: Young Lady also, Wednesday Night

You are playing marriage and every time you go too far, and by the way that does not mean just sex, there is much that leads up to that, you are giving a part of yourself away that you cannot get back.

✓ **Sexual Sins Offend God by Defiling What Should Be Holy**

We need to help them understand that is sin and that we are disobeying God when we step out of this boundary He has set for us that truly brings us ultimate freedom in the end

✓ **We Should be Our Children's Best Source for the Truth About Sex**

I cannot overemphasize this enough and it why we are talking about it again, you must tell them about sex. They need to hear it from you. Because I promise you they know more than think and they know a whole lot more than you and I knew when we were there age.

And yes it uncomfortable for you as it is for them. A promise we can make to them, “No matter what you hear about sex, I promise that if you will come to me I’ll tell you the truth about it.”

Also, let me encourage you here to be so careful about letting your students date, our culture has become saturated with this idea of boyfriend and girlfriends, that’s my son’s girlfriend, and vice versa. Don’t be in a hurry, nothing wrong with not letting your children date until they are 16! It’s may be old fashioned, but don’t let them grow up too fast. The earlier they start to date the more likely they will lose their virginity!

5. It Requires a Family to Teach Their Children the Necessity of Modesty This is for men and women, but in particular for women. God has much to say on this subject in the New Testament.

I Corinthians 6:20 & 1 Timothy 2:9-10

✓ **Be the One Who Sets the Standard for Your Children**

Not the culture or their friends or the TV. You must set the

standard with them!

This will not be easy to do at times, no question. It was the single most difficult battle I faced as a student minister!

Most teenager girls have no clue how the way that they dress affects young men or even older men for that matter.

Modesty and purity are so close together.

Look at where the standards have gone, cheerleading uniforms, even dance outfits for younger girls, why does it have to show their tummy? **ILLUS: High School Review Show** – shocked from 1st till now!

✓ **Take the Discussion To A Higher Level**

Colossians 3:17 I promise you it will not be easy to teach your children the importance of modesty. But it amazes me that people can come out of the closet, dress immodestly and we celebrate that, yet we don't celebrate the ones who say I will dress modestly and I will stay pure until I 'm married! I applaud you!!

Questions to ask them, Who am I really trying to impress or please by the way I dress and act? What are you trying to communicate? look at yourself in the mirror, lean over, sit in a chair etc.

6. It Requires a Family to Have Plan for Victory in the Area of Sexual Purity

- ✓ Stay Involved in Your Children's Lives, Especially When They are Teenagers Keep the lines of communication open!
- ✓ Help You Children Understand That Sex is Serious
- ✓ Help Your Kids See Their Truth Worth and Value Before God
- ✓ Reminds Them Regularly That is Worth to Wait to Keep Themselves Pure Until Marriage
- ✓ Teach Your Children to Live With a Biblical Worldview
- ✓ Partner With Your Church in Setting the Highest Possible Standard for Your Children
- ✓ Warn Your Teenager Against the Consequences of Sin
- ✓ Don't Let Any Past Mistakes Keep You From Fighting for Your Children Today