

FIGHTX3 | PART 3 | FAMILY

3 KEY AREAS: YOUR FREEDOM, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FAITH

RECAP:

REALITIES OF THE FIGHT:

SEE WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL FIGHT, A WAR, BATTLES, EACH AND EVERY DAY.

- -WE HAVE A REAL ENEMY
- **-OUR ENEMY KNOWS HIS FINAL DESTINATION**
- -HIS PURPOSE IN THE FIGHT IS TO TAKE AS MANY WITH HIM AS HE CAN

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

STEAL: YOUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

KILL: YOUR PHYSICAL BODY

DESTROY: YOUR SOUL

WARFARE IS NOT THE FOCAL POINT OF THOSE KIND OF FIGHT.

JESUS IS THE FOCUS, ON THE KING! (THAT'S WHERE THE VICTORY IS)

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

REJOICE: χαίρω chaírō, khah'-ee-ro; a primary verb; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:—farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy(- fully), rejoice.

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WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT AMPING UP YOUR FIGHT AGAINST YOUR FAMILY... BUT FOR YOUR FAMILY...

"A breach in the wall of the home or a crack in the foundation of the family provides the devil an opening to destroy the framework of both."—Dr. Raymond Babrber

TRUTH: FAMILY IS IMPORTANT TO GOD, AND A UNITED FAMILY IN CHRIST IS IMPORTANT TO THE FRAMEWORK IN THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL.

HEBREWS 12:3-14

BUT HERE'S A REALITY... MARRIAGE, FAMILY, RAISING CHILDREN, EVEN HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH EXTENDED FAMILY IS HARD.

THE FIRST GOVERNING BODY ON THE EARTH THAT WAS TO STEWARD AND LEAD UNDER HIM... HE CREATED A FAMILY.

GENESIS 1:26-31

WHAT IS FAMILY?

FAMILY: TWO INDIVIDUALS, OPPOSITE IN THEIR BIOLOGY (ON PURPOSE), DISTINCT IN THEIR ROLES, YET EQUAL IN THEIR VALUE, AND JOINED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S ORDAINED PURPOSE AND WILL.

GENESIS 2:5-24

THEY ARE INADEQUATE WITHOUT ONE ANOTHER
BECAUSE THEY ARE A PART OF EACH OTHER... THEY ARE
ONE FLESH.

TRUTH: THE BIRTHPLACE OF AUTHORITY (ALWAYS UNDER GOD) IS THE FAMILY UNITY!

TRUTH: THE ABSOLUTE BEST WAY TO HAVE A SAFE, PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY SOCIETY IS WITH GODLY FAMILIES.

FAMILY WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE A PLACE OF

- -STRENGTH
- **-UNITY**
- -MINISTRY

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT BEGINS IN YOUR LIVING ROOM... NOT THE YOUTH OR CHILDREN'S ROOM.

AND WE CANNOT FIGHT FOR OUR FAMILIES IF WE ARE THE ONES WHO REFUSE TO LEAD OUR FAMILIES AND HOMES IN A GOD FEARING, GOD HONORING, AND GOD SEEKING HOUSEHOLD.

SO, WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE FIRST MAN AND WOMAN?

GENESIS 3:1-15

IN A MOMENT WHEN THE ENEMY PROVIDED THE TEMPTATION TO DOUBT GOD... THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS... IT WAS SELF-DETERMINATION INSTEAD OF ABIDING BY GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE... STEPPING OUTSIDE OF THE BOUNDARIES THAT GOD PLACED FOR PROTECTION!

God puts ENMITY (HOSTILITY) BETWEEN WOMAN AND THE DEVIL...

AND

BETWEEN HER SEED AND HIS SEED?!?!?

<mark>Seed:</mark> 2233. zera זֶרַע Noun Singular Masculine, a sowing, seed, offspring

THIS POINTS TO A SINGULAR MAN, AN OFFSPRING FROM A WOMAN (NOT REQUIRING A PHYSICAL MAN)

Luke 1:29-35

ADAM AND EVE WRECKED THE FAMILY MODEL. BUT GOD BOUGHT IT BACK!

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Families are worth fighting for. (IF YOU WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY, GOD TOO WILL FIGHT FOR YOU)

SO, HOW DO I RAISE A FAMILY IN CHRISTIAN UNITY?

1. YOU MUST ALWAYS KEEP A SOLID FOUNDATION WITH NO "CRACKS".

BUILD YOUR "HOUSE", YOUR FAMILY ON JESUS CHRIST.

2. BE INTENTIONAL WHEN TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE THINGS OF GOD

"A child's development is embedded within a complex system of relationships. Among the many relationships that influence children's growth and development, perhaps the most influential is the one that exists between parent and child...

We suggest that the parent-provider relationship provides a potentially valuable, although far less emphasized, context for promoting relational health. We present a review of the literature surrounding relational health science and encourage the health care provider to view their patients through the relational health lens "

- -American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine
 - 3. BE THE EXAMPLE TO THE NEXT GENERATION AS A GODLY HOUSEHOLD AND GODLY MARRIAGE
 - 4. SERVE THE LORD TOGETHER

HAVE YOU STEPPED UP AND MADE THE DECISION THAT YOUR FAMILY IS GOING TO SERVE THE LORD? NO MATTER WHAT OTHER FAMILIES DO?