

# There's No Place Like Home

**"We're Not in Kansas Anymore!"**

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**Family + Church =  
Impacted Lives & Impacted Sons & Daughters**

*There are two powerful influences on the planet—the church and the home.*

*They both exist because God initiated them.*

*They both exist because God desires to use them  
to demonstrate His plan of redemption and restoration.*

*If they work together they can potentially make a greater impact than if they work alone.*

*They need each other.*

*Too much is at stake for either one to fail.*

*Their primary task is to build God's kingdom in the hearts of men and women, sons and daughters.*

*We are fighting together for the destiny of every generation.*

• **God's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Family.**

- Noah had a drinking problem.
- Abraham offered his wife to another man.
- Rebekah schemed with her son to deceive her husband, Isaac.
- Jacob's sons sold their brother Joseph into slavery.
- David had an affair, and his son Absalom started a rebellion.
- Eli lost control of how his boys acted in church.
- Lot offered to give his virgin daughters over to a lust filled mob to violate.

No pressure to be *perfect* but get motivated to *improve!*

• **God's \_\_\_\_\_ for the family.**

God uses family to tell His story—the heart of God is shown through the heart of the family.

*"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Eph 6:1*

*“Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands.” Eph 5:24*

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Eph 5:25*

- God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for the family.

What I give **to** my children or what I do **for** them is not as important as what I leave **in** them.

**-How to show value to your family-**

- *What matters more than anything is that my kids have an authentic relationship with God.*
- *I want my children to know that I will never stop pursuing them or fighting for a right relationship with them.*
- *My personal relationship with God and with my spouse affects them more than I realize.*
- *Just being together can never substitute for interacting together in a healthy way.*
- *A mother/father are not the only adult influences my children need.*

*4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. 10 When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, 11 houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, 12 **be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”***

**Duet 6:4-12 NIV**

**Resources:** [1] [www.realrelationships.com](http://www.realrelationships.com)  
[2] Invest \$10 for CD’s from previous family series.

**Next Steps:** [1] Commit to whole series  
[2] Sign up for *5 Love Languages*