

St. Paul's Notes

What's A Family?

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Genesis 2:18+24 "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife..."

God's Design For The Family

I. A FAMILY IS TO BE A SHELTER IN STORMS

"Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." Proverbs 14:26 (LB)

Types of Storms

* CHANGE

* FAILURE

"Two are better than one . . . if one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's too bad because there's no one to help him." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (GN)

* REJECTION

"One standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer." Ecclesiastes 4:12 (LB)

II. A FAMILY IS A _____

"May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong." Psalms 144:12 (GN)

"Fathers, don't exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and with favor with God and with man." Luke 2:52

Jesus grew four ways:

1. Wisdom - _____ growth
2. Stature - _____ growth
3. Favor with God - _____ growth
4. Favor with man - _____ growth

What You Learn From Your Family

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"One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next." Isaiah 38:19 (LB)

"These commandments . . . Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home alone and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

My Response: