

Fight For Your Family

Week 1

"Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."
[Nehemiah 4:14]

First comes the wedding, then comes the war

Don't fight against your family, fight for your family

1. Men And Women Are Different. That's Good, Not Bad.

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
[Genesis 2:18]

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."
[Genesis 2:22-23]

Headship & Helper

Helper: Ezer – first word used of woman in scripture

Ezer – one who aides, strengthens and helps you in a way you cannot help yourself

We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help [ezer] and our shield.
[Psalm 33:20]

Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help [ezer] and my deliverer.
[Psalm 70:5]

I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help [ezer] come from? My help [ezer] comes from the Lord...
[Psalm 121:1-2]

2. You Need A Healthy Relationship With God First, Then A Healthy Relationship With Your Spouse Second

You were designed to live face-to-face with your heavenly Father

You can't stand up and act like a man until you bow down and see your Savior

3. Men Need To Step Up And Into Their God-Given Roles--The Family Depends On It.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

[Genesis 3:1-6]

Danger is not to do the wrong thing, but to do no thing

4. We Need A Revival Of Healthy Marriages In The Local Church. Let It Start At The Chapel.

Play Together

Pray Together

Lay Together

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

[1 Corinthians 7:3-4]

God is your number one; your spouse is your number two

I will always seek the One with my two