

# SHALOM *in the Home*

## Week 1: "A Vision for a Kingdom Family"

In Week 1 of our series we begin by giving God control of our families. What does this look like? It begins with replacing our vision for our family with God's vision for our family. How can I know what God's vision is for my family? How can I trust that God's vision for my family is better than mine?

THE PROBLEM: What happens when we don't follow God's vision for family?

Adam and Eve sinned, and Adam Responded by blaming his wife  
They parented two male children, and one of the sons killed the other  
Abraham, God's chosen man, married two wives, breaking God's design,  
Abraham eventually kicked one wife and her child out of the house  
Jacob married several wives like his grandfather  
His twelve sons eventually sold their younger brother into slavery  
David too married many wives and his son raped his sister  
The daughter's brother, Absalom, killed the son that raped her

When we consider the families in the Bible, we see a lot of family disfunction because of sin. Sin Sucks! Unfortunately, families are no different today. Sin is still wreaking havoc in families, destroying relationships and leaving society disillusioned and hopeless regarding families.

As a matter of fact we see the worse things happening, with countless numbers of unwanted children being aborted, society trying to redefine marriage between man and woman, and the very nature of a parent's Godly authority to raise and instruct their children is being threatened.

THE SOLUTION: What Happens when we receive Godly revelation or understanding of His Vision? SHALOM IN THE HOME! This is the why

Our Outcome: Shalom; review definition of Shalom

The Hebrew word for peace, shalom (שלום) is derived from a root denoting wholeness or completeness, and its frame of reference throughout Jewish literature is bound up with the notion of shelemut, perfection.

Before we get started lets first define VISION:

Vision - Hazon (hebrew) - which can mean two things, it is both an aspiration and also a revelation. I learned that the Hebrew word "hazon," which is translated as the word "vision" in English, has a much deeper meaning than simply the ability to see with our eyes. Hazon refers to a type of vision that comes from God, which is revealed by Him and His Word.

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God's definition of Family:

The word "mishpahhah," meaning family comes from the root "shaphahh," meaning "to join." The family is a group joined together where each role in the family serves a specific function to keep the family joined together. - Jeff A Benner

The word "family" which is "home" or "household" from the Greek "oikos" means people living in the same house. In Bible times this would include father, mother, children, grandparents and servants. This word is found over 100 times in the New Testament.

There is another word for "family" that we are going to explore today which appears only 3 times in the whole New Testament.

This word for family is from the root word Patria. This word stresses relationship more and the Fatherhood of God. It is found in ...Jesus will come from the "family" of David.

In Peter's sermon when he mentioned that in Abraham, all the "families" of the earth will be blessed.

And here in , let's pick up from verse 14:

*<sup>14</sup> "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family (Patria) in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God," (Ephesians 3:14-19 ESV).*

Melissa to add and teach on Ephesians 3 take aways

Family Vision Statement

"To remain under the Fatherhood of God so that its members are filled with the presence and love of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit."

FUNCTION: Practically speaking how is God's vision for Family established in your homes? This is the Context, the how

*"Wives, submit to your husbands, as fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they will not become disheartened"*

*(Col. 3:18-21, NET).*

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1. Wives submit
2. Husband's love Must Be Realistic
  1. Romans 5:8
  2. Christ loved church and died for her while we were still enemies of God
  3. Christ knew she was sinful and disobedient. Yet still gave his life while knowing her faults
  4. 1 Peter 4:8 Love covers a multitude of sins
  5. Having a realistic love is important for both mates, because if you don't have it you will become disillusioned
3. Husband's love must be sacrificial
  1. This love is impossible without the grace of god
  2. Easier to submit woman than it is to die for someone
  3. Husband at times must give up other things to serve and please his wife
  4. Sacrifice time, entertainment, friendships etc
4. Husband's love must be purposeful
5. Husband's love must be personal
6. Husband do not be embittered against your wife
7. Father's do not provoke [aggravate, embitter] your children - discouraged

Pray over families to uproot bitterness within the home.

INSTRUCTION: The family sphere is to provide. But what exactly are we to provide? **GODLY INSTRUCTION.** This is the content, the what

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<sup>6</sup> "Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.  
<sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup> If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."  
<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord," (Ephesians 6:1-4 NLT).

## Proverbs 4: A Father's wise advise (example of Godly Instruction)

The importance to Pray, Pray, and Pray...

- Pray for God's revelation of how he is at work in your family
- Pray for God's revelation of how he is at work in the individual lives of those in the family and how that all connects to make a greater whole
- Pray for the ability to cultivate unconditional love, acceptance and forgiveness within your home
- Pray for unity in your home; that you would be one. Beautiful story that always aspiration (a hope or ambition of achieving something) to have this kind of loyalty, passion and love in our family.

## P Theresa testimony of deepening a desire for my family through prayer and seeking the Lord in the word:

- I grew up in military, and saw my family scattered.
- Western society spoke so much on the individual is to leave home go to college and start their own life.
- As I read stories like Ruth and the like, I realized, I didn't want that for my family and that God never intended for us to live so independently. We are called to live interdependent with one another in love.
- We can be many different parts of a whole and began to pray and seek God on what that will look like for our family.

I guess you could say I have a holy discontent. This reminded me of what Andy Stanley said in his book Visioneering.

*"What is a vision? Where does vision come from? Vision is born in the soul of a man or woman who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be...."*

*(Andy Stanley, Visioneering p. 19)*

As I prayed through my discontentment and continue to do my daily devotional I was totally moved by a story. I had heard this scripture before in a song through catholic church and I remember it had a powerful impact on me in my early years as well. However, I didn't know back then where it came from or that it was even scripture.

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Wherever you go, I shall go.  
Wherever you live, so shall I live.  
Your people will be my people,  
And your God will be my God too.  
Wherever you die, I shall die.  
And there shall I be buried beside you.  
We will be together forever;  
And our love will be the gift of our lives.  
- *Wherever You Go* by Gregory Norbert

<sup>16</sup> "But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more," (Ruth 1:16-18 NLT).

As I journey with the Lord in understanding a unified family vision; I began to see the biggest disconnect in our society was a lack of Father Power. Through mentorship and association we Glenn and I other as well as couples like Melissa and Chris are committed to help families and restoring father power in the home. Bringing define order within the household and discipling families to be used as a catalyst to advance God's kingdom

## HOW WILL WE KNOW REVIVAL IS ON THE RISE?

*"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction," (Malachi 4:6 ESV).*

## Deuteronomy 6:1-9 A Call for Wholehearted Commitment (SHEMAH)

<sup>1</sup> "These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, <sup>2</sup> and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the Lord your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. <sup>3</sup> Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup> "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup> And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. <sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."



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*OG: What is God's design for family, and how can we have the relationship God meant us to have? Are the relationships I have with my family a proper reflection of the Kingdom of God? How can you grow in getting a clear Family Vision?*

Aristotle says, "The soul never thinks without a picture"; imagine what your family would look like if Christ and the things of His kingdom were the main topics of discussion in your home.

## **DEVELOP CORE VALUES AS A FAMILY:**

Core values are traits or qualities that are not just worthwhile, they represent an individual's or an organization's highest priorities, deeply held beliefs, and core, fundamental driving forces.