Resisting the Cultural Drift at Home

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INTRODUCTION

- We're gonna simply examine how is Satan attacking the home, and what does it look like for Christians.
- How do we as a local church help empower those who are in the trenches, so to speak, of these experiences?

1 God's Plan A for the Home

Ephesians 6:1–4

- Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, and this is the first commandment with the promise.
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- God expects the home to be consisting of a faithful marriage, which is a coupling of a husband and a wife.
- This is God's plan. This is plan A. And we'll talk about how to adjust as we go.

2 Modeled First in the Home

Ephesians 4:32; Deuteronomy 11:18–19; Ephesians 5:21–22

- It's to do the right thing and to do it with a smile.
- Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another.
- And where's that going to be modeled first? In the home.
- Submission is to be cultivated, and yes, even appreciated. And in the home, this has to be taught first.
- It's a problem to model even obedience with grumbling.

3 My Family Isn't Just for My Enjoyment

Matthew 19; Romans 11; Acts 22:3–4

- I think Satan is doing good work against the family with a series of lies.
- They're not about my enjoyment. They're about pleasing my God.
- The lesson is put in the big rocks first. Or there won't be space for anything else.
- It's not an exact science. It's not about my perfection.

4 The Home Exists for Success in This Life

1 John 2:15–17

- The home exists primarily to train for and reinforce success in this life.
- The big rocks are faithfulness. The big rocks are God.

- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- If my child is weird and in heaven, that's a win. And if my child is normal in heaven, that's a win.

5 The Church Should Provide All My Family's Spiritual Needs

1 John 4:1–3; Matthew 23:3

- There is not a single local church in the history of the world that exists to provide a family spiritual needs.
- God gave the vehicle for that, and it's the family.
- He says, You do it. You evaluate the spirits, which means I need to know God, I need to know his word.

6 In the Trenches, Seek Help; Reach Out First

Titus 2:3–5; 1 Timothy 3:1; 1 John 1:9

- If you are in the trenches, seek help from all levels.
- Train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind.
- If you've been there and done that, please reach out and be willing to go first.
- Set goals to grow, to know scripture, to cut out bad habits, to be more kind, to encourage more families.

THE CHALLENGE

Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Confess Him as Lord, repent of your sins and be baptized. Stop being away from Him. Run to Him, be adopted into His family.

MY NOTES