

GOD'S DESIGN *for* FAMILY

GROW GUIDE

God's Design for Family is a father, mother, and children to reflect His image, live according to His Word, and carry His Kingdom from generation to generation.



KEY SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 1:27-28

God established the family in the Garden with Adam and Eve and commanded them to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the Earth. Generations later, God chose Abraham and used his family to form the nation of Israel. He commanded parents to teach His ways to their children so faith would be stewarded from generation to generation. From the Garden, to Abraham's household, to Israel, to the Church today, family has always been part of God's plan to advance His Kingdom.

DESIGN

HEBREW

יָצַר (*yāṣar*)

To form, fashion, shape, or create, especially like a potter intentionally shaping something

Simplified: Something intentionally formed or fashioned according to a purpose.

GREEK

πρόθεσις (*prothesis*)

Purpose, plan, intention; something set forth beforehand.

Simplified: An intentional purpose or predetermined plan.

FAMILY

HEBREW

מִשְׁפָּחָה (*mishpāchāh*)

Family, a group connected by family lineage.

Simplified: A household or group of people joined together through family and lineage.

GREEK

πατριά (*patria*)

Family, lineage, or a group descended from a common father/ancestor.

Pray through these verses and ask God to speak to you about His design for family:

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| ✝ Genesis 2:7 | ✝ Genesis 18:19 | ✝ Galatians 3:28 |
| ✝ Genesis 2:18 | ✝ Deuteronomy 6:6-7 | ✝ Ephesians 2:19 |
| ✝ Genesis 2:23 | ✝ Ephesians 5:25 | ✝ Ephesians 5:31-32 |
| ✝ Genesis 1:28 | ✝ 1 Timothy 5:8 | ✝ Genesis 2:24 |
| ✝ Genesis 1:27 | ✝ Titus 2:4-5 | ✝ Matthew 19:4-5 |
| ✝ Psalm 139:13 | ✝ Proverbs 31 | ✝ Genesis 1:27 |
| ✝ Psalm 139:16 | ✝ Ephesians 6:4 | |
| ✝ Genesis 12:2 | ✝ Ephesians 6:1 | |

Key Points:

- ✝ Every human was made in the image of God
- ✝ God does NOT make mistakes
- ✝ God gave roles for each member of the family unit
- ✝ Marriage is one man and one woman
- ✝ Every role is holy
- ✝ Marriage points to Jesus and is a picture of Jesus and the Church

God-Given Roles:

Fathers - To love and provide for their families (Ephesians 5:25, 1 Timothy 5:8). To be the shields over their house.

Mothers - To nurture and care for their household (Titus 2:4-5, Proverbs 31). To be the heartbeat of their home.

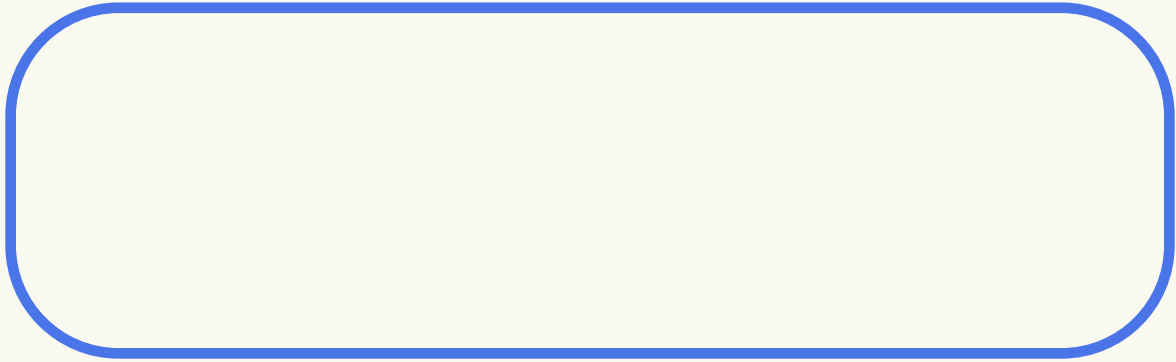
Parents - Together, they raise their children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). This is not a suggestion. This is a command.

Children - To obey their parents in the Lord for this is right. (Ephesians 6:1)

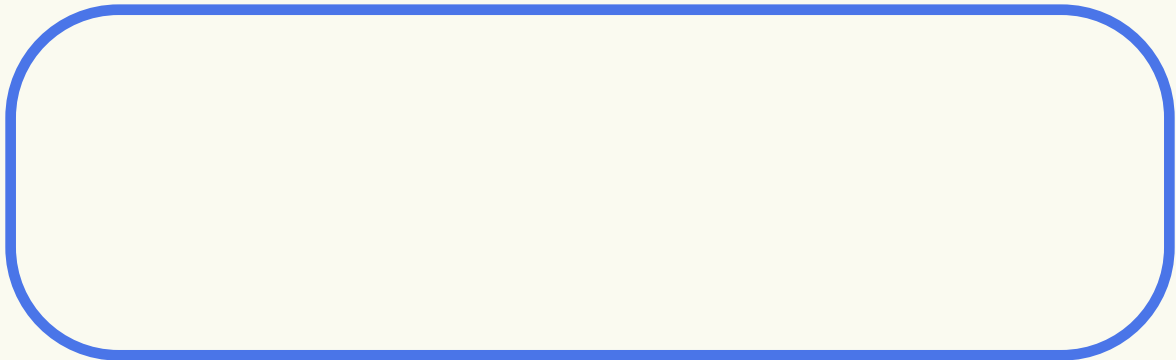
Purpose of Family - **Fathers:** provide and protect. **Mothers:** nurture and care. **Parents:** raise your children in the ways of God. **Children:** obey your parents.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

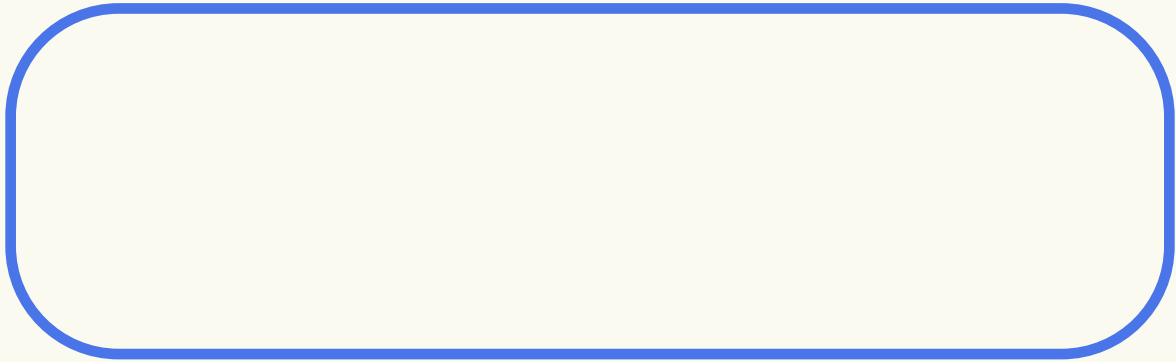
1. What did you learn about God's design for family?



2. What did God reveal to you about your family that might be out of order with God's design?



3. What role in the family did God create you for and what is one thing you can do to better walk it out?





PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!

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