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Sermon Discussion Guide: Series-"Marriage by Design" Week 4- Family

Recap the Highlights:

Stop focusing your time, attention and mental energies on what you don't agree on. Focus on...

- Family
- Faith
- Future

Agree to parent God's way with...

- Instruction from the Lord. Ephesians 6:4
- Discipline that demonstrates love. Hebrews 12:6: Proverbs 22:15

Fulfill your spiritual calling as a family by...

- Prioritizing the Family of God. Matthew 6:33
- Practicing your Faith. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

Build a spiritual legacy together by...

- Establishing Godly Values. **Deuteronomy 5:29; Mark 12:28-30**
- Exercising These Values. 1 Timothy 4:8; Proverbs 22:6

Now Dig Deeper:

1. How can leaving doubt and selfishness behind help you focus on the design God has for your family? How does this differ from the current culture? What "best practices" are you building your family on?



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- 2. We must point our kids to Jesus and use your authority role over your nurturing role. It matters today more than you can ever think. **See Proverbs 13:24.**
- 3. How does the balance of Grace and Truth make for a healthy family dynamic? **See 3 John 1:4**

Help your family prioritize God's Word, God's Values, and God's Love. Talk about it. Live it out!

Respond:

- Find a verse in the Bible that speaks to your family. How can having a life verse personally and as a family imprint Godly values and build a better legacy?
- Make time for a family night or long weekend together and have some real conversations about God. Share stories of His goodness in your lives and thank Him for His direction. **Talk about Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to see and hear about Your design for a biblical family through seeking out Your instruction. Thank you that we get to look to Your Word to teach us to want the things you have called us to do in and for our families. Show us, Father, the areas we can grow to draw upon Your grace and put our spiritual calling into practice for Your glory. Give us Your words and Your heart to respond to where we need to press in as a family of God, in Jesus name. Amen."