

# Notes: "Back to the Blueprint"

Healthy Churches build healthy families and healthy families build healthy churches.

## Colossians 3:18-25

**18** Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

**19** Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. **20** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. **21** Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. **22** Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. **23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, **24** since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. **25** Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

## DESTINY & THE ATTACK

And the number one way the enemy disrupts your destiny... is through your **family**.

Look at our culture:

- It has tried to **devalue** family
- **Redefine** family
- **Distort** family
- **Dismantle** family
- **Delay** family

Because if the enemy can break your family... he can distract your destiny.

## 1. GOD DESIGNED THE FAMILY

### WIVES SUBMIT

Why is submission so hard?

- We associate it with oppression, not protection
- Culture worships independence
- Bad leadership has poisoned it
- Fear of losing identity

But biblical submission is not inferiority, it's **divine order**.

Even Christ submits to the Father... not because He is less, but because He is aligned.

Submission is not about value It's about **function**

1 Cor 11:

**3** But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

### **What It Looks Like**

- She honors his role
- She brings her voice without fighting for control
- She supports his responsibility
- She trusts God enough to release control

**Submission is not silence, it's strength under surrender to God.**

## **HUSBANDS SUBMIT TO GOD**

Everything rises and falls here.

A man not submitted to God will:

- Be passive
- Or be controlling

But a man submitted to God becomes **Christ-like**.

### **What It Looks Like**

- Leads with sacrifice, not selfishness
- Seeks God before decisions
- Takes spiritual responsibility
- Leads with humility and repentance
- Creates a safe environment

When a man is submitted to God... submission stops feeling like oppression and starts feeling like covering.

## **HUSBANDS LOVE**

"As Christ loved the church..."

This is not casual love. This is **cross-shaped love**.

### **What It Looks Like**

- Lead with love, not control
- Set the tone of the home
- Be tender, not harsh
- Serve, don't sit back

- Protect her heart
- Be consistent and trustworthy

## CHILDREN & FAMILY CULTURE

Kids don't do what you say... they do what you show.

- Teach them to pray
- Model intimacy with God
- Create a culture of honor

The less honor in a home, the more rules you need.

Fathers: Don't provoke your kids. Don't crush their spirit.

Because you can win control... and lose their heart.

## 2. JESUS REDEEMS THE FAMILY (GOSPEL MOMENT)

Here's the truth:

You don't just need a better model... you need a **Savior**.

Because the standard God set... we've all fallen short of.

## BUT HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus didn't.

- Where we were selfish... He was sacrificial
- Where we were harsh... He was gentle
- Where we were inconsistent... He was faithful
- Where we failed... He was perfect

And He didn't just model it...

**He died for every way we missed it**

## BRING IT HOME

Husbands— Jesus didn't just tell you to love your wife... He showed you how—by laying down His life for you.

Wives— Jesus didn't just ask for trust... He proved He is trustworthy at the cross.

Families— Jesus didn't come for perfect homes... He came to **redeem broken ones**.

**"You're not trying to become something you're not... you're becoming who you already are in Christ."**