

Rock-Solid

Part 6

Foundations for Families: How did we get here?

Ephesians 5-6; 1 Timothy 2; 1 Peter 2-3

A strong Marriage and Family requires **INTENTIONALITY**

Minimizing the '**CURSE**' that's within us Genesis 3:14-19

Adam's consequences: death, **SINNERS**, & sweat for all of time
Romans 5:12

Eve's consequences: banned from two **LEADERSHIP** positions
1 Timothy 2:12-15

Adam's tendencies: **COMMAND** or **PASSIVITY**
Genesis 3:16; 1 Peter 3:7

Eve's tendency: **MANIPULATE** to gain control
Genesis 3:16; 1 Peter 3:1-4

Resisting the '**ENEMY**' that's against us

That Garden **SERPENT** is still tempting
1 Peter 5:8

Be **PREPARED** for battle
Ephesians 6:10-12; James 4:7

Enacting the **POWER** for victory Galatians 5:16-17, 22-23

A Cord of **THREE** strands Ecclesiastes 4:12

Certain needs only **GOD** can meet

STRENGTH only God can provide

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Life Group Discussion Questions – July 10, 2022

Genesis 3:16 *To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*

DISCOVER

1. The world's hostility towards God lies behind its war against marriage and the family. In what ways do marriage and family mirror the character of God? Do you believe that marriage and family are under attack? Describe what you see happening whenever people try to change the design God intended.
2. A strong marriage and family requires intentionality. What kinds of things must we be very calculated and deliberate about?
3. Were Adam and Eve ashamed of the same thing? Explain.

EXPLORE

1. Read Genesis 2:18-24. Why was it not good that Adam be alone? How was Eve a "perfect fit" for him? What does it mean that she was Adam's helper? What scriptures can you point to that prove she was not subordinate to him?
2. Regarding the Great Fall (and outside of the serpent), who was the initiator of the disobedience to God's commandment? Were both Eve and Adam's errors the same? Identify the errors. Why were they judged differently? (see Genesis 3)
3. How did Eve usurp the leadership of Adam? Why did Adam allow this? How do we see these propensities at work in marriages today? How should Adam have responded to the enticement?
4. "No matter what happens in the family, the husband is ultimately responsible." Do you agree? Does this statement have a biblical precedence? What scriptures support your response?
5. In a marriage, how is mutual submission empowering?
6. In our personal accounting before the Lord, what kinds of questions should we expect about our leadership of our marriages?

EXPERIENCE

1. In your words, describe the consequential curse of the Fall. How can you overpower the curse with the Fruit of the Spirit? Which fruit would benefit you or your family the most? (see Galatians 5:22-23)
2. Have you ever felt like Adam in being responsible for the spiritual condition of your children? What sins may be introduced into a marriage that could persist beyond a lifetime? What is the difference between inherited propensities and learned habits? What might you do to deal with each of these inclinations?

PRAY

Pray... Our Gracious God and Father, we are so thankful for Your fantastic plan of reconciliation, even when we still blow it today. Thank You for Your mercy, loving kindness, and grace.

Action... Identify what relationships the men of your Life Group have that build them up in their roles as leaders in the home. Ladies, who are your respective counterparts to the men?