

Rock Solid

Part 8

Foundations for Families

How did we get here?

A strong Marriage and Family requires **INTENTIONALITY**

Minimizing the '**CURSE**' that's within us

Genesis 1:27-28, 2:15-18, 21-25, 3:1-20

Adam's consequences: death, **SINNERS**, & sweat Rom. 5:12

Struggle in daily **survival** Genesis 3:19

Death enters the human race Genesis 3:19

Wickedness in human hearts Genesis 6:5

Banned from birth of Jesus Matthew 1:18

Believer's **Spiritual** Struggle Romans 7:15-20

Adam's family life tendencies: **DOMINANT** or **PASSIVE**

Genesis 3:16; 1 Peter 3:7-12

Eve's consequences: **STRUGGLE** with purpose and significance

Genesis 3:1-7, 16, 17

Struggle with the **VIRTUE** and value of **MOTHERHOOD**

Struggle to stay in her lane of **RESPONSIBILITY** Gen. 3:17

Prohibition from two **LEADERSHIP** positions 1 Tim. 2:9-15

Eve's family life tendency: **MANIPULATE** to gain control

Genesis 3:16; 1 Peter 3:1-6

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Life Group Discussion Questions – July 24, 2022

1 Timothy 2:11-15 “ A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a wrongdoer. But women will be preserved through childbirth—if they continue in faith, love, and sanctity, with moderation.”

DISCOVER

1. What kind of authority was Paul referring to when he wrote about the restriction for women?
2. How is our pathway, in Biblical roles, like walking along a narrow path? For men, the righteous path can be represented as a cliff with passivity on one side and dominance on the other side. What happens if the husband is passive? Dominant?
3. For women, what pitfalls are there on either side of the path? What happens if the virtue of motherhood is diminished? What are some of the pitfalls that may arise if the wife takes the lead for spiritual authority in the home?
4. The current family life tendency is to battle for control. Why does this happen and what are some of the consequences? Why is control such a flash point in all areas of life?

EXPLORE

1. Read Genesis 1:27-28. Why was it an honor for Adam and Eve, and all humans to be created in His image? How can a husband and wife complement without competing in their roles?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:7 Is gently loving your wife a passive or action-oriented behavior? Explain your reasoning.
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:12. Notice the teaching is about having authority over "a man" which is singular and tied to the husband. Does this apply outside of the home and church? How have you seen women thrive in leadership in the workplace? Why do men sometimes struggle in separating the topic of spiritual authority in the home and church when they encounter a woman leading in business?

EXPERIENCE

1. What can we do in our families to preserve the role of women? What is the role of the church in this?
2. How did you see spiritual leadership modeled when you grew up? If you didn't have good examples then how can we learn to change? How should grandparents model spiritual leadership?
3. What can you or the church do to support mothers where the man is not present or has abdicated the role of spiritual leadership? Do you know a mother who needs support because she feels like she is walking alone?

PRAY

Pray...Please reveal to us how we should model our God-given roles as men and women. Open our eyes to ways we can improve while staying in our lane. And we pray for single mothers or families where biblical roles are not being followed.

Action... Seek the Holy Spirit and scripture for ways to better model our biblical roles.