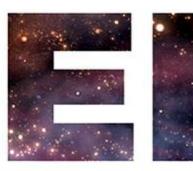


MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD



FAMILY BROKEN

"Do you want to be single and lonely, or married and bored?"



PURPOSE OF FAMILY

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GENESIS 4:3-5

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Purpose of Family

GENESIS 4:8-10

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

Purpose of Family

Anger at God leads to anger at man.





MALACHI 2:16

16 "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect," says the LORD Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

- Divorce

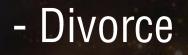
MALACHI 2:13

13 ... You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.

- Divorce

"Today's children are the first generation in this country's history who think divorce and separation are a normal part of family life."

> ANDREW CHRERLIN, Johns Hopkins University



"Sadness is to think rightly about things that are wrong."

MATTHEW ELLIOTT

- Anger

EPHESIANS 4:26-27

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

- Anger

EPHESIANS 6:4

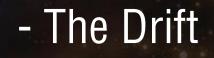
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- Insensitivity

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1 PETER 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.











- The Fog

Everyone struggles with perfectionism, but in our effort to "try hard" and "do better", we're really trying to "fix" ourselves. We underestimate how much can be restored by simply being humble and sorrowful when we've hurt someone. When we can look our 4-year-old or 16-year-old in the eye saying, "Mommy or Daddy spoke hurtfully to you. That's called sin and I'm sorry for hurting you. Will you forgive me?" When we do this, we make it okay for our children to come to us as broken sinners, finding grace instead of scorn or shame.

COURTNEY TATE

MALACHI 4:5-6

5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."