



The Foundation of the Family (Part 2)

(Genesis 1 – 3)



The sin-altered restructure of the Family

- Genesis 3
- Sin always destroys, never creates.
 - Feeling guilty for his sin, man blames the woman and ultimately God for his sin.
 - The woman then tries to push the blame to the serpent.
- It permanently altered man's relationship with his wife and her relationship with him.
- It was no longer a relationship of equality in roles.
 - Man was to rule over the household.
 - That posed two big challenges:
 - Woman had to become submissive to man.
 - Man would be held responsible for his leadership of the family.
- It permanently altered man's relationship with God.
- Life would no longer be as easy as it was in the Garden.

Devotional #3: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EQUALLY YOKED!!!

*This devotional can potentially be very emotional considering your views about Christians dating non-Christians and even who you dated. Be perceptive as to why you view what you view and make sure all discussion is grounded in Scripture.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

DISCUSS:

- What does it mean to be "unequally yoked"? (HINT: NIV translates it "bound together")

DISCHARGE: Read this fictional story aloud.

Jenna has been raised in a Christian home all her life and thinks her parents are way too strict. Now that she's 16 years old, they're finally giving her the opportunity to date, but Jenna's last conversation with them really bugged her.

It all started when a very good-looking guy came to pick up Jenna to take her to a high school basketball game and then to the school dance afterwards. He was very polite to Jenna's parents and got her home right on time. The next day Jenna's mom asked her if her date was a Christian. Jenna immediately got defensive and told her mom that it was none of her business. He might not be a Christian, but he was very nice and she liked him a lot.

That evening Jenna's mom and dad sat down with her after dinner and said, "We want you to know we believe it is biblically correct for Christians to date only other Christians." Jenna's response was, "Mom, you married Dad before he was a Christian and then he became a believer. Isn't that a double standard?"

DEBRIEF:

- What do you think of the way Jenna's parents handled the situation?
- If you were giving Jenna advice, what would you tell her?
- What are the pros and cons of dating someone who is not a Christian? Someone who is a Christian?
- Logically, how many people are converted from a relationship?
- How might a compromise apply in this situation?
- "It is biblically correct for Christians to only date other Christians." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Explain your answer.

Close by holding hands and praying!!!



In our next study, we will examine
Spiritual Training in the Family.