

THE CHALLENGE OF FAMILY

Genesis 1-3



CURRENT CHALLENGES

- The Nuclear Family
 - Geographically dispersed
 - Fragmented families
 - Children without grandparents close
 - Aged parents without support and care
- Bigger houses; smaller families
- More convenience; less connectedness
- How to face the challenges to family...

REALIZE GOD'S IDEAL FOR MEN AND WOMEN

- Created for relationship
- Created to help and support one another
- Created to bring together all aspects of image of God.
 - Male: Dominion
 - Female: Nurturing
- Challenged because it does not fit our experience.
 - Divorce
 - Perverted ideas of marriage

RECOGNIZE SATAN'S INTRUSION

- The relationship was tarnished and the environment spoiled.
 - Genesis 3:16
 - Genesis 3:17-19
 - Men and Women don't get along...perfectly.
- Love and Marriage Mythologized in story.

ACRES OF DIAMONDS

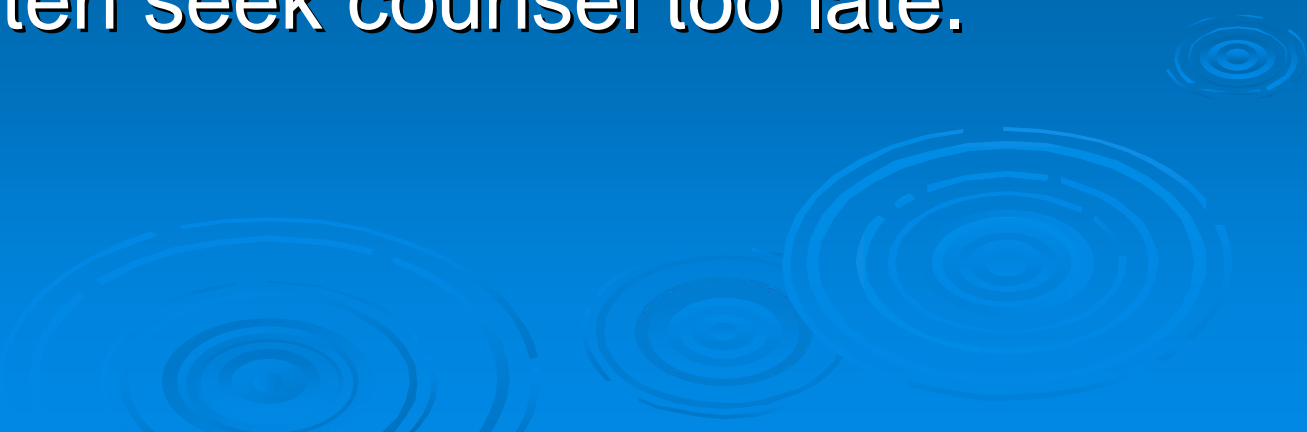
The relationship you want is right
under your feet.



ADDRESS COMPETING GOALS

- His Career/aspirations/life plan
- Her Career/aspirations/life plan
- Areas of Agreement:
 - Children
 - Careers
 - Money
 - In-Laws
- All the above takes communications (talk).

LEARN HOW TO FIGHT

- Not martial arts but marital arts.
 - Engage in productive dialogue when you disagree.
 - Couples often seek counsel too late.
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ACCEPT EACH OTHERS NEEDS

- Men need to be trusted and appreciated
- Women need love and tenderness
- Unless something psychologically wrong
- Both are made in the image of God