

Kingdom Families

Building Kingdom Families

Text: Genesis 2:21-25

God's Design for the Family:

Gen. 2:18 – The concept of family originated at the time of creation.

- Adam and Eve were the first family, and their example shows that the man was to leave his parents and be the husband of one wife.

Deut. 6:4-9 – The family is to serve as a training center.

- Parents are responsible for teaching their children about God and fostering a home environment that reflects kingdom values and beliefs.
- This will work only if parents hold shared beliefs about kingdom culture.
- The Scriptures instruct believers not to marry those who do not share their same biblical values (Exodus 34:13-16; Deut. 7:3-4; 2 Cor. 6:14)
- Divided beliefs can cause friction in marriages and families.

Fathers play a significant role in the family.

- Because of his role, which he shared in part with his wife, the father was to be honored by his family (Exodus 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3).
- The father is responsible for the spiritual well-being of his family (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4).
- God designed the family for companionship.

Establishing Kingdom Families:

Here are three keys to establishing kingdom families.

1. Create values that align with Scripture (Deut. 11:18-21).
 - There are many things in our culture that go against traditional biblical family values, such as:

Living together and having children as a married couple without formally being married (1 Cor. 6:13, 18; Heb. 13:4).

Same sex marriage (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-28).

Toxic home environments that include physical, verbal, and sexual abuse.

2. Align your thinking with the Kingdom of God.

- We must purge our minds from the customs of this world (Rom. 12:2 NLT).
- Building kingdom families will require us to unlearn ungodly methods and learn kingdom methods by renewing our minds to God's Word.
- Leading our homes by worldly standards will lead to confusion, disorder, and destruction.

3. Live your life according to biblical convictions.

- Conviction is a firmly held belief (Josh. 24:14-15).
- Just as Joshua refused to bow to the gods of his day, we must choose to serve God despite external pressures.
- Strong convictions in the Word of God provide an anchor for your soul, keeping you and your family on track when external pressure or persecution arises.
- The early church believers modeled this for us (Acts 5:40-42).

Call to Action:

1. Commit to God's blueprint for your family.
2. Set clear Biblical values for your family.
3. Establish Biblical convictions for your family.

On Sunday, February 15, we will host a panel discussion with Vic and Jennifer Morris. If you have questions about marriage and family, please submit them via email to info@sozochurch.com