

FAMILY: Having Faith as a Foundation

FAITH & FAMILY #1 - Pastor Gary Combs – July 19, 2015 - Genesis 2:18-25

Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV) ¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."
¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.
²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."
²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

How to have faith as your family foundation:

1. Recognize God's _____.

Matthew 28:18 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 19:4 (ESV) He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

Joshua 24:15 (ESV) ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

2. Pursue God's _____.

Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it..."

Malachi 2:15 (ESV) Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

3. Receive God's _____.

Romans 3:23-24 (ESV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.