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I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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Have we failed the family?

Two years ago, about this same time, I asked you a very heartfelt question, “Have we failed our children?” Since then, I have seen more and more evidence which points to this question, “Have we failed the family?”

Today we will be discussing what happens when a MAN meets a WOMAN. Our children grow up watching TV, movies, celebrities, and the world—what do you think they are teaching about this relationship between a MAN and a WOMAN? If we understand the Disney version: Man rescues Woman, Woman falls in love with Man, They are married, They live happily ever after. How accurate is this?

What do families need most? It’s not an abundance of children, money, a big house or car. But how many of us value families we know on this very thing? If someone has two children, live in a nice neighborhood, drive a nice car, and have a descent nest egg—do we not say, “What a great family?”

However, what families need above everything else is a solid foundation built upon God, His word, and His righteousness. They need a church family who is there to support them, and provide for them, be strong for them, and stand by them. As Christians, have we done our jobs to support the family, or, have we brought left them to the world? I am afraid of that answer.

Have we failed the family?

- * What is a family?

I say—Man & Woman in marriage, along with children (not necessary) that are raised, reared, or brought up in their home.

- * Ephesians 5 : 22—6 : 4 (the family and roles)

Wives, submit, Husbands love, Children obey and honor, Fathers do not provoke

Before all of this there was a MAN and a WOMAN

- * When a MAN meets a WOMAN—it is the HERE that is matters.

They date.

Did you date / marry a Christian? (Amos 3 : 3)

They get married.

Have you Submitted, Loved, and Dwelled together? (Ephesians 5 : 22, 24, 25, 28-29, 31)

They have children.

Children have a cost, they area also a blessing. (Psalm 127 : 3-5)

They grow old.

Are you an adult? (I Corinthians 16 : 13-14) (ESV)

They die.

- * Do we want certain things for the Church and our brethren?

Then it is time to teach so we stop failing the family.