



SERIES: FAMILY TALK

TITLE: MY CRAZY FAMILY

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WHAT IS A NUCLEAR FAMILY? Husband and wife with one or more children born to them together.

WHAT IS A BLENDED FAMILY? Husband and wife have children when they come together.

What are some of the challenges a blended family will face?

Who in the Bible had a blended family?

- Jesus
- Abraham and Sarah
- Jacob and Rachel & Leah

Who here is a product of a blended family or who has a blended family?

TOP 5 PROBLEMS IN A BLENDED FAMILY:

1. Spouses finding time for one another (Nuclear & Blended)
2. Unreal expectations. Happen in nuclear but amplified in a blended family.
Name some unreal expectations.
3. Ghosts – What is brought in from previous marriage or relationships that are figuratively in the shadows. Unspoken and spoken comparisons constantly.
4. Discipline – Concerning one another's children or theories of discipline
5. Loyalties - Primarily concerning kids. They feel disloyal to biological parent if they embrace step-parent.

Of the 5 things listed above, which "problem" has been the most difficult for you to overcome? How did you do it?

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN A FAMILY?

Your spouse, become "Team Us" to raise family in Godly way.

PARENTING TIPS FOR ANY FAMILY:

"Model" for your kids, they are always watching.

M - Move your kids toward God.

O - Open your heart towards your children. Discipline without compassion and mercy breeds rebellion.

D - Discipline your children. Every child needs boundaries. Boundaries say you care and give greater confidence.

E - Eliminate unnecessary stuff. Adults get stressed when schedules are too busy. Kids sometimes have busier schedules teach them to balance and eliminate what isn't needed.

L - Love them unconditionally.

Which part of MODEL speaks to you? Which one have you struggled the most with?



COUPLES NEED TO BUILD A LASTING FRIENDSHIP:

- Romans 12 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."
- Parents need to stay united in raising kids for God. It may be easy to leave a spouse, but it is difficult to leave your best friend.

How do you build a friendship with your spouse?

A LOT OF LIFE IS GETTING PRIORITIES ALIGNED:

- God 1st
- Spouse 2nd
- Family 3rd

Why is it hard to get our priorities right?

PRAY FOR MARRIAGES / FAMILIES / HEALING