

# Fighting For Your Family



*1 Samuel 30:1-8*

# FAMILY AND CIVILIZATION



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**\*Marriage loses its sacredness...is frequently broken by divorce.**

**\*Traditional meaning of the marriage ceremony is lost.**

**\*Individualism dominates.**

**\*Increased public disrespect for parents and authority in general.**

**\*Acceleration of juvenile delinquency, promiscuity, and rebellion.**

**\*Refusal of people with traditional marriages to accept family responsibilities.**

**\*Growing desire for and acceptance of adultery.**

**\*Increasing interest in and spread of sexual perversions and sex-related crimes.**

## Chapter 30

### 1 SAMUEL

THE BEGINNING OF THE BOOK

**1** There was a certain man from Ephraim whose name was Elkanah, the son of Jerusha, a man of Ephraim. He had two wives; one called Hannah, and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. Now when year after year came with her husband to worship and sacrifice to the Lord in Shiloh, where Highpriests and prophets were, the day came for Elkanah to offer a sacrifice. He would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to her sons, but he would give none of it to Hannah. He loved Peninnah and her sons, but he loved Hannah less.

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# 3 essential elements of family

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**Commitment**

**Belonging**

**Protection**

**I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.**

**Everyone the Father gives Me shall  
come to Me, and the one who comes to  
Me I will never cast out.**

**Nothing can separate us from the love  
of God which is in Christ Jesus**



**Hebrews 13:5, John 6:37, Romans 8:39**




*Be fruitful and become*  
**MANY AND FILL THE EARTH.**

-GEN. 1:28.



**You can't have too big of a family as far as God is concerned!**

Genesis 1:28

A graphic showing the silhouettes of several stylized human figures holding hands in a circle, positioned as if they are standing on the horizon of a blue and white globe. The background is a light blue sky with soft clouds.

And God blessed them;  
and God said to them,  
Be fruitful and multiply,  
and **fill the earth and subdue it,**  
and **have dominion...**



**THE THIEF DOES NOT COME  
EXCEPT TO STEAL, AND TO  
KILL, AND TO DESTROY.**

**I HAVE COME THAT  
THEY MAY HAVE  
LIFE,**  
AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE  
IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

JOHN 10:10





The apostle Paul called believers the family of faith  
(Gal. 1:2; 3:28- 29; 6:10; Eph. 3:15).



What can we  
do?



# WHAT CAN DO?

**Fight Against a Common Enemy!**



A dramatic, dark landscape with a bright lightning bolt striking a cloud in the sky. The scene is set in a desolate, rocky area with sparse vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, and a single, bright lightning bolt strikes down from a cloud on the right side of the frame. The overall mood is somber and powerful.

FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD,  
BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS,  
AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS IN THIS WORLD,  
AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.

*-EPHESIANS VI:XII-*

Far from perfect!







**Fighting**



**Within**





**David learned in faith to fight for his family, not with his family.**



# WHAT CAN DO?

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**Fight Against a Common Enemy!**

**Fight by Walking Out Our Faith**





# I SAMUEL

## CHAPTER 30

# 1 Samuel 30:6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But **David found strength in the LORD his God.**



# WHAT CAN DO?

## WHAT DOES A CHILD OF GOD DO WHEN....???



# WHAT CAN DO?

**DAVID ENCOURAGED HIMSELF  
IN THE LORD**

**1 Samuel 30:6**

# WHAT CAN DO?

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**We Fight Against a Common Enemy!**

**We Fight by Walking Out Our Faith**

**We Fight by Persevering in Prayer**



# ABBA

*And because you are sons, God  
has sent forth the Spirit of His  
Son into your hearts, crying,  
Abba, Father.*


*Galatians 4:6*



# RISE UP

live. lead. speak. have courage. persevere.



A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer on a grassy field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the person's shadow on the ground.

"...**if my people**, who are called by my name,  
will **humble** themselves and **pray** and  
**seek** my face and **turn** from their wicked ways,  
then I will **hear** from heaven,  
and I will **forgive** their sin  
and will **heal** their land."

-2 Chronicles 7:14

# WHAT CAN DO?

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Won't you commit within your own heart to take up the spiritual fight for the family and establish in your own life and in your own mind, who the enemy really is and rally the troops in your life around this common aim.

# FIGHT

THE GOOD

# FIGHT

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

