

FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY PT. 4
REDRAWING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF YOUR FAMILY'S DESTINY
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2 Chronicles 15:8-15

I. Introduction:

- A. We have said in previous messages that it is God's desire to bless our families and to use us to be _____ and rewriters of our family's destiny.
- B. One of the ways God does this is by calling us to redraw and redefine the boundary lines. God redefines destinies, when there are people who take a _____ and recommit themselves to live within the boundary lines of God's blessing for their lives.
1. The example of King Asa
 2. The examples of Moses and Joshua.
 - *"By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to the reward."* (Hebrews 11:24-26)
 - *"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates river and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord is undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:14-15)
- C. What is significant about all of these examples is that they weren't just commitments but _____. Victorious families don't always get it right but they do always make it right. Great family stories aren't just written, they are rewritten over and over in spite of many failed attempts. God always gives second _____ to rewrite our stories.

II. Why the redrawing of the boundaries of and in our families is so important.

- A. God has boundaries for His _____ upon our families. We walk in those boundaries by establishing boundaries that keep us in the center of His will for our families. A boundary is an inner _____ reflected in our outer choices. It reflects clear convictions of what we stand for and what we stand against. Boundaries keep out the things that will harm us, and allow the things that will bless us to grow and develop.
- B. Boundaries are the things God wants us to set in place to protect the treasures He has for us. Like the armor of God, they are the key things that _____ our families from the enemy and keep us growing closer and stronger. Families fall apart when these boundaries aren't set or when we start to let our guard down. *"No one plans to destroy their lives or families but few make the plans necessary not to let it happen."* –Andy Stanley
- C. All great families have _____ boundaries. In great families all clearly know when they are walking in the boundary lines of blessing and when they are stepping out of those lines.
- D. It is in protecting and establishing God's boundaries that we invite God's _____!
 - *"And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."* (Eph. 2:22)
 - *"The boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places, surely I have a delightful inheritance."* (Ps. 16:6)

III. Examples of areas of our family life where boundaries need to be clearly set

- A. Boundary lines of time that protect _____ for God, time for family, and for rest. It is not what we say is precious that is really precious to us, it is what we protect as precious that is really precious. The highest expression of love in family is time.
“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” (Eph. 5:15-16)
- B. Boundary lines of _____ and holiness that allow us to be in the world but not of the world. Godly families have made predetermined commitments to a life style that is based on the standards of Scripture and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.” (1 Jn. 2:15-16)*
 - *“Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self control.” (Prov. 25:28)*
- C. Boundary lines in _____-pursuing relationships that will influence us and our families to live in the boundaries of Christ. If you want to have relationships that protect and empower your family’s destiny;
1. Have people over you that are a _____ to you.
 2. People around you that are an _____ to you.
 3. Boundaries in relationships to people that are a spiritual danger to you.
 - *“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.” (Heb. 13:17)*
 - *“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today” so that none of you may be hardened by sins deceitfulness.” (Heb. 3:13)*
 - *“But do I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater, or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler.” (1 Cor. 5:11)*
- D. Boundary lines of _____. Boundaries are meant not only to be set to give protection from the world but vision you will set. The most important boundaries you set are the decisions about what you will believe and refuse to believe, how you will dare to trust and _____ God’s promises to come true for your family even when you can’t see them.
- There is no more important boundary than that which stops, discouragement, condemnation, and fear to quench our faith.
- *“For I know the plans that I have for you says the Lord, not to harm you but to prosper you, to give you a hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11)*
 - *“Even if we are faithless He remains faithful, He cannot deny Himself.” (2 Tim. 2:13)*

IV. Three steps to take to redraw the boundary lines of your family’s destiny

- A. Bring your family _____ in agreement (2 Chron. 15:9).
- B. Define a covenant, take a stand (2 Chron. 15:12).
“Dysfunctional families operate based on assumptions; victorious families operate based on _____ and agreement.”
- C. Commit together and declare your agreement for God’s destiny (vs. 15).

(Answers: I. redefiners, stand, recommitments, chances II. blessings, commitment, protect, great, blessings III. time, integrity, relationships, covering, encouragement, faith, expect IV. together, covenant)