

“The crucible of our formation is in the monotony of our daily routines.”

Tish Harrison Warren



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religion from our parental relationships,
our spirituality from our family life?**



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“When people in the Bible are called ‘holy’, it means that they are set apart for God and dedicated to him alone.”

Hetty Lalleman



**God's Holiness and God's Love are Not
at Odds with Each Other.**



Exodus 20:1-2

And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“The Holy One freed Israel from slavery in order to show the world God’s purposes for life. Israel’s legitimating narrative was based on their being set free to again walk with and worship the true God of the universe. They were to remember that they once were slaves, but they were set free by the mighty action of God in order to serve God’s purposes as a model nation for all.”

Earl Lavender



Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”



The Story of God's People in Scripture is Always About Transformation

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Exodus 20:12

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“The fifth commandment stresses the importance of the child-parent relationship by using a weighty term. The word “honor” in “Honor your father and your mother” is the Hebrew verb *kaved*, meaning ‘to be heavy.’”

John Dickson



Biblical Families were **Messy and
Complex just like Families Today.**

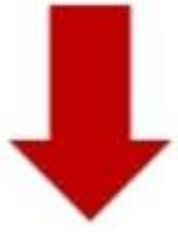


“Kinship formed the basic building block of communities all across the ancient world. People’s identity, actions, decisions, and loyalties were shaped by family. Most family reunions remind us how complex family lines and relationships can be. The biblical family lines are just as much or more complicated. Kinship dynamics play an important role in stories throughout the Bible.”

E. Randolph Richards and Richard James



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Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.



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1 Timothy 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

² To Timothy my true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

⁴⁸ He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”



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**God is Calling
Us to Be a
Community
of Honor
and Blessing**

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Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Connections - Giving Honor and Keeping Sabbath

1) Rooted in the Creation Narrative



Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

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- 1) Rooted in the Creation Narrative
- 2) Provide Instruction through Rhythm**

“Rhythm lies at the core of all existence – natural and human. Rhythm is seen in sunrise and sunset, in the patterns of the waves crashing on the seashore, in the cycles of the seasons (seedtime, harvest and fallow), the migration patterns of birds and butterflies, and in the circadian rhythms of countless species. Rhythm is found in our breathing and our heartbeats; it is basic to music and all the arts – poetry, fiction, film, dance and painting. Rhythm not only makes life interesting; it makes life possible.”

Darryl Tippens



Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

“Parents not talking about religion other than during scheduled “religious times” reinforces that compartmentalization.”

Christian Smith and Amy Adamczyk





What Do Your **Rhythms** Communicate About Your **Family?**

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Connections - Giving Honor and Keeping Sabbath

- 1) Rooted in the Creation Narrative
- 2) Provide Instruction through Rhythm
- 3) **Build Trust in God**

“God’s plan for your children is to learn obedience and submission to loving parents they can see, so they are ready to learn obedience and submission to a loving God they cannot see. Ultimately, we are seeking to transfer obedience in our children from us to God.”

Rob Rienow



**When God-Given Rhythms are
Disconnected from their Purpose
Trust Diminishes.**



Mark 2:23-28

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

Mark 2:23-28

²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Mark 7:9-13

And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

“The danger that arises when we don’t experience authentic transformation is that we will settle for what might be called *pseudo-transformation*. We know that as Christians we are called to “come out and be separate,” that our faith and spiritual commitment should make us different somehow... If we do not become changed from the inside-out... we will be tempted to find external methods to satisfy our needs to feel that we’re different from those outside the faith...”

John Ortberg



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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 John 3:1-3



Parental Respect is a form of Witness.

