

# That Others Might See Let's Build Something Together

Joshua 3-4

Ephesians 5:23-32

Father's Day 2009



# That They Might See Love

## Eph. 5:23-32

- That Your Children Might See
  - Find the time at home
    - Love is a discipline
  - Find a mentor for your self
    - Learn from your self
    - Learn from your Dad whether he was right or wrong
    - Learn directly from the Master
- That Others Might See
  - Find a way to serve others
  - Even if misunderstood
- Follow a plan



# That Your Children Might Know

- Joshua 4
  - (2) ...take up 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood...
  - (4)...place them on your shoulders...
  - (20)...set up the stones...
  - (21)...in the future when your descendants ask their fathers, “What do these stones mean?”
  - (24)...the hand of God is powerful



# That Your Children Might See Find the Time

- Structuring your life creates time to love
  - Parkinson's Rule:
    - "Work expands in accordance with the time allotted."
    - To get better you have to practice
- Set aside time just for her
  - All others will benefit
- Share the scriptural truths
  - For example: Song of Solomon
  - Woe her!
    - As her self esteem rises so will her love for you



# That Your Children Might See

## Find A Mentor: Self Esteem

- Self esteem is a function of your ability to love
  - Love your wife as you love yourself / Eph. 5:33
- Self teaching
  - Change your “God talk”
    - Ro. 12:2 “**Do not conform** any longer **to the pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
      - Everyone else is doing it
      - If it feels good do it
- Spiritual Self-Awareness
  - Know who you are in His Kingdom
    - Imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit
    - Warrior, more than conquerors, leaders, lovers
    - I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me!



# That Your Children Might See

## Find A Mentor: Fathers

- Our earthly fathers teach us how “they” love; our Heavenly Father teaches us “how” to love
  - Love your wife as Christ loved the Church
- Earthly Father vs. Heavenly Father
  - We learned our *father's* concept of love
    - Right or wrong
    - We decide what we will do with that teaching
    - Thank your Dad today for the foundation
  - We learned our *Father's* concept of love
    - At the Cross
    - Eph. 5:25-27



# That Others might See

- Find a way to serve others
  - Joshua 22
    - Reubenites, Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh
      - Built an identical altar! A bigger pile of stones!
      - The “Church” was mad that another altar had been built
- But we did it...so you would know we are a part of you and not apart from you.
  - You will be misunderstood
- Serve anyway!



# Time to Build Some Together.... A new Life

Somewhere along the line we stopped believing we could do anything...and if we don't have our dreams....we have nothing.

Dream it...place the stone  
on your shoulder  
and BUILD!!!!



Follow the Plan

GOT “PLAN”?

