

# **Series: He Said She Said**

## **Message Title: Family: “Making It Work”**

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### **Overview**

When couples make the decision to go deeper in their relationship with each other, hopefully some of the subjects that are being discussed are the raising of kids (How and what they eat, will they go to college, how they are disciplined, will they go to church or not, etc.) the kinds of friends they will have, the church they will attend, their health (eating and working out), their drive for success, chores, finances, etc. This list can go on and on. Wherever we land on these subjects, whether informed or not, couples must strive hard to make the family work. This message will present some of the challenges couples face in family life and provide practical ways to avoid the pitfalls of divorce.

*21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. 23 “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’”*

### **Points to consider**

- 1. When God created man and woman, their responsibilities did not go away. They still had a role to take care of themselves and the earth.**
- 2. Things that have an influence and can make either a positive or negative impact on our happy home:**
  - The kinds of relationships we have
  - The way in which we raise our children
  - The events that take place in the world
  - The health shifts our bodies take as we grow old together
  - The value we place on things

### **Conclusion:**

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## **I. When God created man and woman, their responsibilities did not go away. They still had a role to take care of themselves and the earth.**

*26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; 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 of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.*

*Genesis 1:26-30 NIV*

## **II. Things that have an influence and can make either a positive or negative impact on our happy home:**

### **1. The kinds of relationships we have**

- **Friends**
- **Family**

*24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.*

*Genesis 2:24 NIV*

*14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16 And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.*

*2 Corinthians 6:14-16 NLT*

## **2. The way in which we raise our Children**

*4Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

***Ephesians 6:4 NIV***

*4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

***Ephesians 6:4 NLT***

## **3. The events that take place in the world**

*1 Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. 2 They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.*

***Titus 3:1-2 NLT***

*9But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.*

***Titus 3:9 NIV***

## **4. The health shifts our bodies take as we grow old together**

*1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

***Romans 12:1-2 NIV***

## **5. The value we place on things**

- Money
- House
- Car
- Clothes
- Job

*17Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven.*

*And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

***Philippians 3:17-21 NIV***

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