

God's Story - Our Story: God's Plan for the Family :: YouVersion Event

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God's **self-disclosure**. He wants us to **know** Him!

The devastating consequences of **human failure**.

The Bible Project (Genesis 12-50)

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<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/genesis-12-50/>

God does not always **prescribe** what the Bible **describes**.

1. Stick to the **blueprint**.

Genesis 2:18 NIV

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:23-24 NIV

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

"Not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."

— Matthew Henry

2. Seek **Reconciliation**.

Genesis 33:4 NIV

4 But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

Genesis 45:4-5 NIV

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I

am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

“The first to apologize is the bravest.

The first to forgive is the strongest.

The first to forget is the happiest.”

3. Spend your **best resources** on family.

Genesis 4:9 NIV

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the biggest takeaway for you after listening to Adrian's message about family?
2. Read Genesis 2:18-25 & Matthew 19:1-6. What is the basis for the family? Why is this Genesis passage so significant?
3. Skim Genesis 24. What seems to be positive about this arranged marriage? Even if we don't arrange our kids' marriages, how can we have positive input in who and how they marry?
4. Read Genesis 32:3-15, then 33:1-20. What key steps lead to the family reconciliation between Jacob and Esau after years of estrangement?
5. Which of the three prescriptions resonates most with you right now? How will you apply that?
6. Read Ephesians 5:15-21. How might living by the power of the Holy Spirit lead to better marriages and families?
7. Pray for one another for the commitment and strength to live that way.