

TIME TO FIGHT

Time Keeps on Slipping- Part 3

Father's Day 2017

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalms 90:12 (NIV)

1. TIME TO FORGET THE IDEAL.

God never gives us a picture of an ideal family in the Bible.

Never buy into the myth that your family has to be picture perfect.

2. TIME TO EMBRACE THE REAL.

God is telling a story through your family and my family of God's unfailing grace.

God is at work telling a story of redemption in your family.

God doesn't use perfect pictures. He uses broken people.

Give us a generation of leaders who are authentic and broken.

Somewhere along the way, the church has to switch from a Sunday mindset to a daily mindset. A church has 40 hours a year to reach a kid, but the parents have 3,000 hours.

Moses had a bigger story approach.

"These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life." Deuteronomy 6:1-2 (NIV)

"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIV)

"Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads." Deuteronomy 6:8 (NIV)

"Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:9 (NIV)

"be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." Deuteronomy 6:12 (NIV)

3. TIME TO MAKE IT PERSONAL.

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart." Nehemiah 4:6 (NIV)

"Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'"

Nehemiah 6:13-14 (NIV)