

family matters

**"Putting
your House
in Order"**



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Genesis 35:1-7 (NIV) 1 Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau." 2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.

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3 Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone." 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.

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5 Then they set out, and the terror of God fell upon the towns all around them so that no one pursued them. 6 Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. 7 There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

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God has **given you** your "**husband**", your "**wife**", your "**children**" not to make you **miserable**, or **unhappy**, but to make you **happy**; to **bless** your life!!

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It is **because** we have "**not**" followed **God's plan**! When we "**set our house in order**", according to **God's plan**, than **all** of these **things** fall into **place**!

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My **Goal**:

To show you "how" to "restore happiness" to your **marriage**, to your **family**, and to your **home**.

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1. We must **minister** to our **own families**.

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1 Timothy 3:4,
"He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect."

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2. We must **minister** to the **things of the church**.

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2. We must **minister** to the **things of the church**.
3. We must **minister** to **ourselves**.

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If you want "**a good family**" you have to **go back** to the "**basics**"; back to the "**Bible**"; back to the "**principles**" God has given us!

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"Biblical teaching"
 "Non-biblical teaching"
 "Anti-biblical teaching"
 "Christian influence"
 "Non-Christian influence"
 "Anti-Christian influence"

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"The Bible is ***not only*** a book to KEEP YOU ***out of hell***, and ***get you to heaven***; it is ***also*** a book to GIVE YOU a ***plan***, and a ***pattern*** for LIFE, for ***marriage***, for ***family***, for ***living***, and for ***meeting*** every ***crisis*** you'll ever ***face!!***"

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"NO STRONG LEADERSHIP"

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A "***weak father***" does ***not*** have the ***ability*** to "***make decisions***" in a ***time*** of "***crisis!***"

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Jacob was a
**"WEAKLING,
 SPIRITUALLY!"**

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The word "***Bethel***"
 literally means
"the House of God"

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Satan has **always**
waged "**war**"
against the
Godly family!!

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- God said, "**Put away your strange Gods**!"
- God said, "**Change your clothes**!"

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Then, Genesis 35:4 says,
"They **gave** their **Gods** to
Jacob, **along** with the
earrings they had in their
ears!"

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And, Genesis 35:5 says,
"He **took** his **family** and
he **journeyed** to Bethel."

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"HOUSE
IN
ORDER"!!

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