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We are the Brister family. Our hearts are to encourage people. Our roots run deep, because of our roots in Christ(Colossians 2:6-7) we are a strong family. God put us together(1 Corinthians 12:18) in our natural & spiritual families(Psalm 68:6). Every person has a purpose and a role to play in the family. It was God's design (1 Corinthians 12:18) to have you be part of His family so you can function in your natural family.

Family Time

Everyone comes from some sort of a family. Good or bad, you grew up learning from that family. You learned how to talk, your behavior, and what you like to eat. You also learned to reflect the image of the father/ mother figure socially, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Creator: Colossians 1:15-16

Omnipresent: *present in all places* Psalm 139:7-10

Omnipotent: *unlimited power* Hebrews 1:3

Omniscient: *All knowing* Isaiah 46:10, Hebrews 4:13

Love: Deuteronomy 7:9, John 3:16

Faithful: Lamentations 3:22-24

When you become Born Again Romans 10:8-13, you now have a new life, new Heavenly Father.

Alive in Him: Eph. 2:4-7

Free from sin: Rom. 8:2-3, John 8:36

Mind of Christ: 1 Cor. 2:16, Phil. 2:5

Greater one inside: 1 John 4:4

No longer live the way you use to: Col. 3:9-10

Created for good works: Eph. 2:10

Rooted in faith: Col.2:7

You are not your own: 1 Cor. 6:19-20

Live by His strength: Gal. 2:20

WHO IS GOD?

God The Father, Jesus
His Son, The Holy
Spirit.

WHO WE ARE

(Identity / Sonship)

TOOLS

**Your
Bible,Topical
Bible**

Our Story

Mike: I was raised in a Christian home with my parents. I was in church from birth to my early teenage years. As we moved from our home in Nixon to Ingleside, TX somethings changed. I got married and we didn't go to church. Lived a worldly life style and pretty separate lives. Till one day we separated and then divorced. I moved away to another town and got back in church, serving on the praise team and then became the youth pastor.

Audra: I grew up in a traditional church, going with my parents on Sunday, but it was a different way of living throughout the week. As a teenager I sought out a different kind of church, and I really liked it. I met a young man there and by 18 I was married. My married life was rough at best. It got out of control and abusive, until he left and we were divorced. I moved away to another town and became the praise and worship leader.

His Story

This is His story because it's how God brought us together. God brought us separately to the same church. We both had our hearts to serve God not looking for relationships. But through the coarse of submitting to God, He brought us together. We spent time on the worship team getting to know each other and then I began to work with Mike in the Youth department. We had a day we went to get worship music, then to eat, and we both knew this was turning into something more. Mike set me down and asked me what I had envisioned for my future, and told me he wanted the same things. A family, that served God and would work toward the things God had placed in our hearts. And soooo.....here we are.

Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth is different from natural growth. As a natural child you will grow if feed and taken care of properly it's inevitable. But spiritual growth begins after being born again. You have the ability to control your growth. You have been given the Word of God to study and find out about your new spiritual life. Then we will no longer be like babies Ephesians 4:14-32. You don't just become spiritually mature when you ask Jesus in your heart, you have a role to play in your growth.

You become like Him by studying His Word, His character and applying it to your life.

1. **Meditate on God's Word:** Joshua 1:8 Speak the Word only. Meditate means to mutter/ talk to yourself. Speaking the Word of God over yourself, about who you are, what God says about your situation and everything in life causes you to grow. The more knowledge you have on a the inside of you, the more you start to develop into who God has called you to be. The more you know and act on, the more you grow.
2. **Be a Doer of the Word:** James 1:22-25 You make a commitment to take the Word of God and put it into action by doing what it says. Take the Word of God and make it your lifestyle, not trying to take it and fit it into your current lifestyle. A child is told what to do, and made to do what parents want. But for spiritual growth you put away childish ways, you do it because you want to grow not because anyone is making you.
3. **Make the Word of God 1st place:** Here is how to tell whats 1st place in your life. When sickness comes to you or your family what is the first thing out of your mouth? If it isn't lets pray then you need to make some changes (Romans 12:2).

4. **Recognize His voice/Holy Spirit leading you:** God speaks to us through His Word. He can speak to you in an audible voice but most of the time its in His Word or you will be lead by the Holy Spirit. Recognizing the Holy Spirit's (1John 2:20) guidance is to be familiar with God's Word. You are never lead to do anything that is contrary to the Word of God. Holy Spirit is our Guide and Counselor (Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

5. **Do What He says:** Obedience is doing exactly what He said and when He said to do it (Gen. 17:23). Do it the same day He tells you, I like to take a pen and paper when I go to pray. After I pray I sit quietly to hear from the Lord. He may speak to me inwardly, by that I mean I have a scripture come to my mind, or a word, even a sentence. Not that I heard an audible voice but just on the inside of me, and I write it down. Then I go study it out.

IDENTIFY LOVE



When you think of LOVE most people think of love in the natural, the way you learned love. Now as you are Born- Again, you have to put spiritual matters first. You are a spiritual being, you live in a body and have a soul (mind, will, emotions).

You may have heard it said that, GOD IS LOVE. Well we have to go further LOVE is a PERSON, God. Love is not an emotion as some has been taught.

Love defined in the Bible: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (WITHOUT LOVE IT'S NOTHING)

IT'S always about your HEART! If love is not your motive it profits you nothing!!!

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all that you do be done in love.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

LOVE is not self seeking, Love sacrifices for others, LOVE ALWAYS CONSIDERS THE EFFECT OF YOUR ACTIONS ON OTHERS. Love is the most important thing when you open your eyes everyday (1 Peter 4:8 Above all, have fervent and unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others].

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Family Roles

Individual members of families occupy certain roles such as Son/Daughter, Husband/Wife, Mother/Father, Grandfather/Grandmother

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**,

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God; and so we are.**

Ephesians 2:19-22 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, **You belong to God's family.**

There are no step children, no step brothers/sisters, mom's or dad's....If you have been born again you are of the family of God. And we should treat each other as such.

We treat each other as Christ in you, and in them. We already talked about who God is and His way, His love in us. We are all God's children and we should always respect one another.

Son/Daughter: **Romans 10:9-13** If you openly say, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from death, you will be saved.

Ephesians 5:1-3 You are God's dear children, so try to be like him. Live a life of love. Love others just as Christ loved us. He gave Himself for us...

Parents: Fathers have a calling to emulate the qualities of God the Father to their watching children. Fathers are the pastor's of their home. **Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 You shall teach them diligently to your children.

Mothers represent the church. The church is the support system. Continuous, uninterrupted relationship with Jesus. **Titus 2:4-5** encourage the young women to tenderly love their husbands and their children, to be sensible, pure, makers of a home [where God is honored], good-natured, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Proverbs 22:6-15 Teach children to seek God’s wisdom.

Proverbs 13:24: Discipline your children.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Children:

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Proverbs 1:8-9 Listen to your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

Grandparents: (Elders)

Proverbs 17:6 Grandchildren are the crown of grandparents...

Deuteronomy 4:9 Be careful so that you don’t forget the things which you have seen with your own eyes... Teach them to your children and grandchildren.

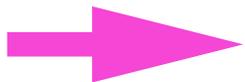
2 Timothy 1:5 Be a reminded of faith, so it dwells in you grandchildren.

Titus 2:2 Tell older men to be sober. Tell them to be men of good character, to use good judgment, and to be well-grounded in faith, love, and endurance.

Marriage: An intimate union between a man and a woman in which the two become one physically, in the whole of life. The purpose of marriage is to reflect the relationship of Jesus and the church. God's image is reflected in the bringing together of male and female in "one flesh" ([Gen 1:27](#) ; [2:21-24](#)).

God commanded the male and female to perform two specific functions: procreation ("fruitful and multiply") and ruling over the earth ("subdue" and "rule") ([Gen 1:28](#)). These are functions that reflect God's image. Humankind (male and female) receive God-ordained authority to rule over the rest of creation, but not over each other.

Marriage is a covenant. The Bible tells us that "Jesus has obtained a more excellent ministry, because he is the mediator of a better covenant, which is based on better promises" ([Hebrews 8:6-8](#)). This lets us know, if we want God's involvement in our lives we must then comply with the covenant Jesus Christ has mediated to us.



NO Covenant = Penalty OR Covenant = benefits ?

No covenant means no mediation by Jesus, we are "dead in trespasses and sins... sons of disobedience... children of wrath... strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" ([Ephesians 2:1-3,11-12](#)).

Nobody in their right mind would want to be without a relationship with God, would they?

By contrast, if we obey the covenant of Christ, then we "have our access to the Father in one Spirit... no longer aliens and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household" ([Ephesians 2:4-10](#), [Ephesians 2:18-22](#)).

COVENANT IS ALL OF GOD > FOR ALL OF YOU.

A strong marriage comes from covenant and commitment. Commitment is understanding God's love toward your spouse. A permanent union. Unconditional love. We are created for intimacy.

Genesis 2:18 Now the Lord God said, "It is not good (beneficial) for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [one who balances him—a counterpart who is] suitable *and* complementary for him (*like his opposite*).

Yes Women and Men are different Thats the attraction! We compliment each other. NOT COMPETE!
Ephesians 5:21-33 being subject/submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

WHAT IF >>>> we lived our marriage out like we were married to Christ ?

There would be no problems, if you treated your spouse like the Christ like being they are.How do you think they would respond to you?

Healthy communication is a start. (1 Peter 3:7-10) Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.

TALKER/LISTENER Activity (STOP trying to WIN and take time to COMMUNE)

Communication is both talking and listening. Applying love in accepting by sharing and connecting, showing the other person you value them.

Men are fixers, but sometimes women just want you to listen. TLC lets you chose being honest about what you are about to say/hear and that you both agree to cooperate, each of you will get a turn in both roles. All the unresolved conflict/lack of God in your relationship causes a marriage to fall apart. ANGER has no place (Ephesians 4:26-27).

Questions to ask to see if you are ready to work on your marriage.

- **Can we work together?**
- **Do we agree we both want to work together?**
- **Do we trust each other?**
- **Are we friends?**

Poor communication blocks the way for a more deeper relationship. With your spouse, your family and GOD.

Resources: Bible,



Love & Respect book



The 5 Love Languages (quiz and books).