

# Raise the Flag

## Pt. 3 - Flags of Our Fathers

Opening joke - Jesus had long hair! Yes, and He walked everywhere He went!

- It is the father's role to raise the flag.

Ephesians 6:4, 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.

Note - Ancient Anglo-Saxon families had a family crest. The crest would be include imagery that represented the families interests and livelihood.

2 Peter 3:11, Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives...

Note - What is your family crest? What kind of culture are you creating? What is the flag you are raising?

## **Designing Your Family Flag**

### 1. Decide

Note - If you don't decide, someone will decide for you.

Joshua 24:15, But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Stat - In the early 1960's less than 4% of the population was fatherless. Today it is over 50%

Over 95% of mass shootings are carried out by men raised without a father.

Every person on death row today was raised in a fatherless home.

Gender identity issues in America have risen at the same rate as fatherlessness.

Note - Your decision should be biblically based.

## 2. Define

Habakuk 2:2, And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it."

Example - Respect: We don't call each other names. We say, "Yessir and no sir." We are courteous, considerate and kind.

## 3. Declare

Deuteronomy 11:19, Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Note - Culture is established by language.

Example - Racial harmony, confronting family

Mark 11:22-23, "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.  
23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea, 'and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him."

#### 4. Develop

1 Corinthians 11:1, Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Note - Cultural development depends on an example and accountability. Reinforce the culture through effective means of disciple.

#### 5. Defend

1 Timothy 6:12, Fight the good fight of the faith.

Example - Lee Greenwood song, "I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today..."

Note - The family flag is worth defending!

Nehemiah 4:14, 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!"

## **Defending Your Family Flag**

1. Stand up.

Note - If you stand for nothing you will fall for anything.

Ephesians 6:13, Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2. Get some nobles around you.

Ecclesiastes 4:12, Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

3. Refuse to fear your enemy.

Note - 365 "fear nots" in the Bible.

2 Timothy 1:7, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Example - The guy with the gun at the funeral