

FIGHT

Fight Like a Woman
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Discussion Notes
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OPENING

Families are the most complex, frustrating and life-giving relationships in our lives. Over the last few weeks we have been talking about families. You might wonder why we would name a family series "FIGHT". It is because great families don't happen by accident. If you want a great family, you have to fight for it. God says it is worth fighting for.

SCRIPTURE¹

Luke 10:38 "As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him."

Luke 10:39 "She had a sister named Mary who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said."

Luke 10:40a "But Martha was distracted by all of the preparations that had to be made."

Luke 10:40 "She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' "

Luke 10:41-42 " 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.' "

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Joshua 24:15c "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

OBSERVATION

There is no one who fights for the family more than moms do.

God has blessed us with wonderful, loving mothers, but they are over-booked, over-committed, overwhelmed and distracted.

They come in two major types:

- The Martha people: Type A personalities who are busy all of the time and are great at multi-tasking;
- The Mary people: Type B personalities who are quiet and reflective and cherish a slower pace; They figure the details will take care of themselves.

Neither one is wrong or less spiritual, but what matters is what is being missed.

Question: Which one are you? How does it feel to be Type A or B?

¹ All scripture is NIV unless otherwise indicated

The Biblical Mary and Martha were sisters to whose home Jesus and his entourage were coming for a visit. Martha was tending to domestic duties in preparation for the meal and Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus. Martha was distracted from the better portion and Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet as His disciple.

Sometimes we are worried and upset about the wrong things.

Question: What is distracting you today that could be handled differently so you would have time for the better portion?

APPLICATION

Mothers can pursue the better "stuff":

- Begin with the end in mind;
- Focus priorities on what matters most;
- Remember that your direction determines your destination;
- Decide to chase after the better things;

Question: Who do I want to become?

Question: Where do I want to be in a year spiritually?

Mothers have the potential to not just shape what their children do, but what they become.

Question: What do I want my kids to become?

We need to imagine what the future could look like for our families and begin to behave as if it can come true.

Question: Who is God calling my family to become?

Write a personal mission statement.

- It provides clarity.
- It defines who you are and how you will live.
- It describes the WIN in whatever role you have.
- It helps you to put God first in all things that you do.

Question: One year from now, what will you wish you had done today?

Mothers have the opportunity to teach their children about God and His desire to be involved in every aspect of their lives.

Question: What would it look like if your family was "seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness"?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for your gift of mothers. Their responsibilities are sometimes overwhelming and they can become discouraged. Please encourage them to embrace their roles as spiritual influences on their children and to prioritize that goal in their schedules everyday as they go about numerous tasks. Fill them with your unmistakable sense of purpose as they say, "...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord". In Jesus' Name. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week Caleb Kaltenbach, author of Messy Grace, will be our guest speaker at The Crossing.

On May 22nd, Pastor Shane will have a special message and announcement for us. Don't miss it!

The Annual Ladies' Tea is Friday, June 10th, with guest speaker Bianca Olthoff. Cost is \$25 and registration is available at thecrossinglv.com/tea.